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Reach














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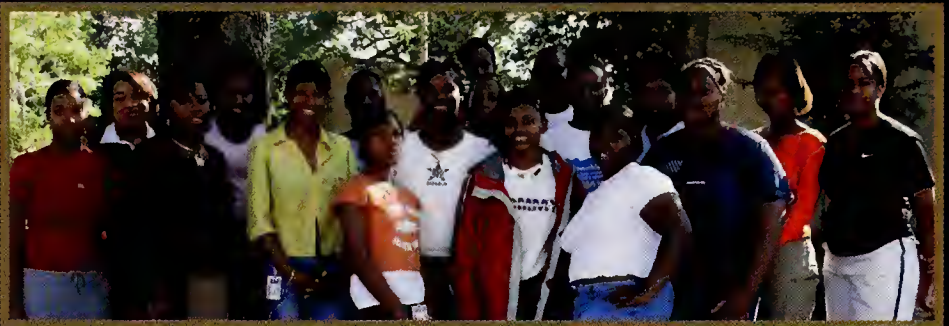
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# "The Priceless Reach"

**T**he 2004 academic year promises to be one of remembrance. The theme for the Uticanite is, "The Priceless Reach." The memories this edition will attempt to capture are priceless. Your being a part of this academic experience is not coincidental. It is predestined, therefore, within your reach..

Mr. Tim Rush, Dean of Students, demonstrates his skills on the grill during Community Day activities held in August. By the end of the day, Dean Rush was not the only person who considered him "The Master Chef."



The College savor doesn't begin when a student enters high school, it begins a process of maturation when a child allows the mind to venture beyond a moment. There he/she begins to see. That vision takes him/her into a world worth exploring. In that world he/she discovers their

meaning, their purpose. It all starts when one person decides to "reach" and realizes that it extends beyond a value system.

Education is "Priceless."

J'Kyah Newman is a toddler in the Freddie Jackson Child Care Development Center. She is getting prepared to work at the Arts and Crafts Station, one of several stations designed to aid students in their learning and development.







LaTonya Thomas, Miss Utica Campus, center, and her girls gather on the plaza for a few minutes of refreshing and relaxation, chatter and chips before heading off to their next class.

Their goal is to keep it real and education is as real as it gets.

Pictured with Tomas are, from left, Arian Alston, Shatira Weathersby, and LaShunda Griffin.

Below, a group of children burn out a little energy before eating. The competition was intense with no entry dropping out before the end of the race. Therefore, they were all winners.

Mrs. LaKetha Berry, child development technology instructor, in back, coordinated the children games during Community Day festivities.



Jalon enjoys the sunshine and a good book that just so happens to be a reading assignment. She wastes no time in getting started.

Jalon is a freshman residence hall student from Camden.



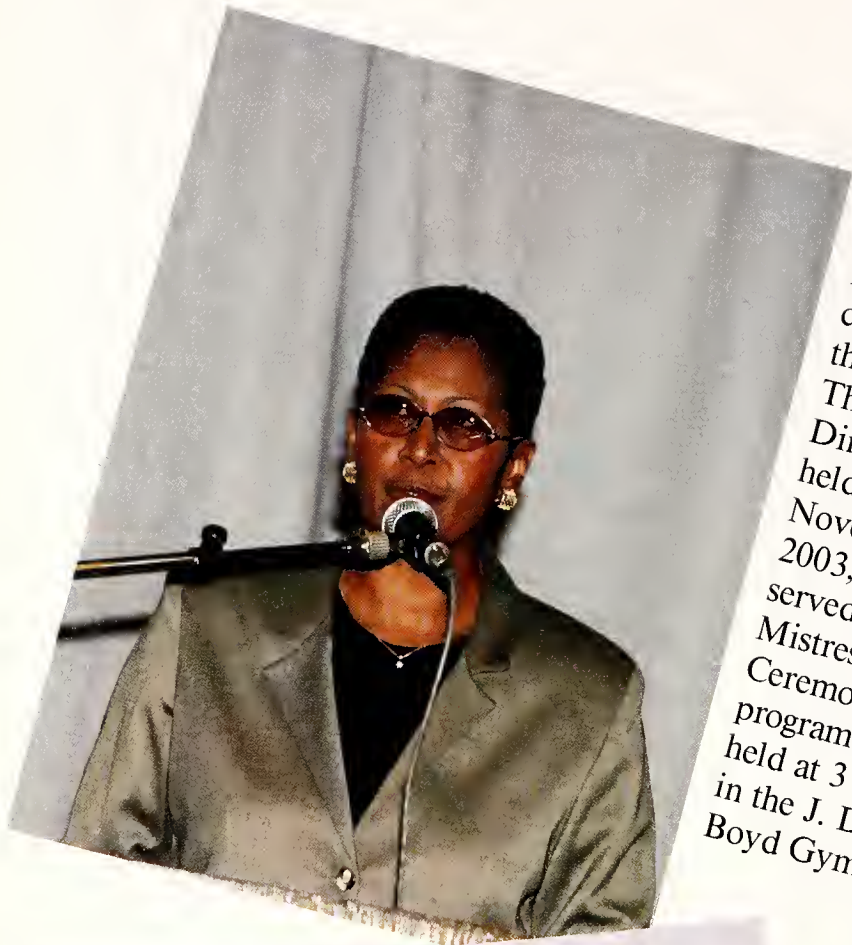
Left, Building Construction student does his share in the completion of a classroom project that required participation from each individual. The class divided the project up into sections and they each performed a task that was graded by the instructor, Mr. Leonard Knight.

**Making a Difference  
In the Life of One  
Individual...**

*Priceless!*

**Yet, within your grasp!**





Dr. Davis is captured during the Thanksgiving Dinner Program held Sunday, November 23, 2003, where she served as Mistress of Ceremony. The program was held at 3 p. m. in the J. D. Boyd Gym.



Dr. Davis, left, was selected to represent thirty year employees during the 2003 Centennial Coronation Ball. Also pictured are, Mrs. Ellestene Turner and Mrs. Deborah Danner whose combined years equal seventy to make a total of 100 in honor of the Centennial.



Dr. Davis and Ms. Jean Green discuss ideas on displaying the Holzclaw Touring Exhibit on which they worked collaboratively. The Exhibit went on tour in February 2003. The Exhibit was first displayed at the Vicksburg Southern Heritage Complex.



he eyes of a man are shallow and will allow one the vision of a specific distance and parameter. So, when we look with our eyes, we see with our eyes. When we look with our hearts, the value of one man expands our human comprehension. Therefore, in dedicating this 2003-2004 Uticanite, we looked with our hearts and saw one individual whose charge to this institution is "priceless."

Dr. Shirley Hopkins-Davis, the Uticanite Staff proudly dedicates this 2003-2004 edition to you.

Your tireless efforts and unmatched allegiance have not been obscured. The Utica Campus Family appreciates and recognizes you even though we sometime forget to say "thank you" for all you do.

*A Job Well Done...*

*Priceless!*







Pictured left: Dr. Davis is pictured with Ms. Jean Green, wearing vintage clothing from the 1900s, and Mrs. Verna Rollins, granddaughter of Utica Campus founder Dr. William H. Holtzclaw. The picture was taken during the opening gala of the William H. Holtzclaw Touring Exhibit.

Dr. Davis and Ms. Green planned and coordinated the exhibit.



Dr. Davis is pictured with nationally-known operatic soprano and great granddaughter of Dr. William H. Holtzclaw and Dr. Bobby Cooper following a concert by Johnson which was sponsored as a fund-raiser for the restoration of the Holtzclaw Mansion.



# Centennial Update

"Embracing the Legacy, Upholding the Promise"

The Utica Campus celebrated 100 years during the 2003 academic school year. A number of activities were held in celebration of that honor. The founder, Dr. William H. Holtzclaw and his accomplishments were at the focus of most the activities held. Although many of the activities remembered the school's founder, they were inclusive of those individuals who have continued the legacy of Dr. Holtzclaw making this institution what it is today.

Pictured on the next several pages are activities that were held in celebration of the school's 100 years.

Dr. Shirley Davis and Ms. Jean Green presented the Holtzclaw Touring Exhibit.



Nine were inducted into the first Utica Campus Sports Hall of Fame.



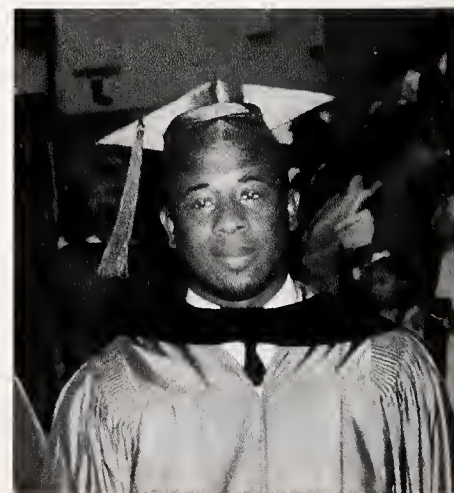
Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony honored graduates from several areas of profession. Pictured is Attorney Gregory Davis.



Students from Russia visited the Campus as a part of National Library Week.



The day all college students look forward to. Graduation was held Sunday, May 18, 2003, with Dr. Henry Johnson, State superintendent of Education, as keynoter.







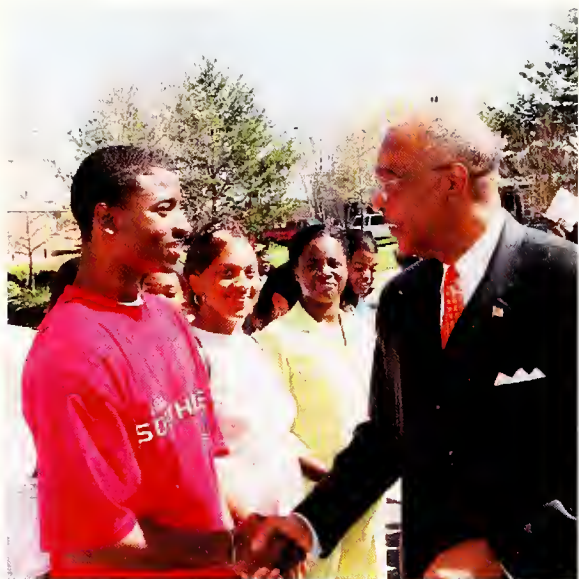
Founder' Day was held March 19, 2003, with Dr. Rod Paige, U.S. Secretary of Education, as keynote speaker.



The 2003 Centennial theme, "Embracing the Legacy, Upholding the Promise," was never more befitting than during the Founder's Day celebration which was the highlight of the year. The U.S. Secretary of Education, the Honorable Rod Paige, delivered the keynote address. His message focused on the accomplishments of the Utica Campus and stressed the importance of "no child left behind."

Having worked at the Utica Campus from 1957-1963, Dr. Paige was among family and friends. Pictured right with Dr. Paige is Mr. Jobie Martin, a long time friend and HCC Board of Trustee member.

Below, he greets Mr. Hinds AHS, Larry Taylor, and other Hinds AHS students.



The Utica Campus was founded in 1903 by Dr. William H. Holtzclaw. Representatives from the Holtzclaw family attended many of the year long activities. Pictured above is Mrs. Verna Rollins, the granddaughter of Dr. Holtzclaw. Mrs. Rollins also delivered the keynote address at the Black History Month Program that was held February 11, 2003. Rollins' daughter, Opera Diva, Anita Johnson performed, along with Opera Tenor William Brown, in a benefit concert for the restoration of the Holtzclaw Mansion during the 2002 fall semester.

Pictured above, the Utica Campus Choir performed a spiritual selection.

Pictured right, Dr. Paige adds a little humor to his message as he reflects on his years as an employee at the College.

Paige worked at the Utica Campus in several capacities. He was a teacher, basketball coach and football coach. His tenure at then Utica Junior College lasted from 1957-1963.





# Founder's Day 2003

## "Embracing the Legacy, Upholding the Promise"

The day began with a Prayer Breakfast and Memorial Service that honored the accomplishments of all previous presidents of the College. A candle was lit recognizing each of the college's nine former and present leaders. The candle lighting ceremony was performed by family members of the honorees or the honorees themselves. There were also several prayers. Those prayers included A Prayer of Thanksgiving, A Prayer for Peace, A Prayer for Unity, and A Prayer for Progress. Dr. George Barnes, Utica Campus vice president, ended the program with remarks.

Following the Prayer Breakfast and Memorial Service, the Founder's Day Program began with the Honorable Rod Paige, United States Secretary of Education, delivering the keynote address.

Over 500 guests were in attendance to hear Dr. Paige's message. Included in the guests were media from throughout central Mississippi.

The Centennial Planning Committee was recognized by the Board of Trustees for their work on the Centennial activities. Following the program, the College dedicated the Workforce Development Center, The William H. Holtzclaw Memorial Cemetery, The original site of the Utica Normal and Industrial Institute, and the Utica Campus Bell Tower in which bricks on the Tower floor were purchased and engraved as a fundraiser for the restoration of the Holtzclaw Mansion. Throughout the day, groups were visiting the Bell Tower in search of their name and to admire the restored landmark.

The day ended with a reception for the entire Campus.

Members of the Founder's Day Committee were Mr. Charles Bell, Co-Chairperson, Dr. Mae Cathryne Jackson, Co-Chairperson, Mrs. Deborah Danner, Ms. Pamela Garrett, Mrs. Anita Griffin, Ms. LaTonya Rankin, Mrs. Carolyn Samuel, Mrs. Jacqueline Sullivan, Ms. Martha Terrell, Mrs. Ellestene Turner, Ms. Sheila White, Mr. Rodney Warfield, Constance Cash, and Deidra Wilcher.

Members of the Centennial Planning Committee were Dr. George Barnes, Dr. Eugene Gaston, Mr. Tim Rush, Dr. Jesse Killingsworth, Mrs. Ellestene Turner, Ms. Willie Ealey, Mr. Robert Strong, Mrs. Monocia Conners, Mrs. Tiffany Chaney, Dr. Shirley Davis, Mr. Charles Bell, Dr. Bobby Cooper, Mr. Charles Porter, Ms. Jean Green, and Mr. Randy Minton.



Above left, Dr. Barnes cuts the ribbon during the dedication of the William H. Holtzclaw Memorial Cemetery. Assisting Dr. Barnes are, Mr. Rodney Warfield, left, and Dr. Shirley Davis.

Left, the J. D. Boyd Gymnasium was filled with people from all walks of life. They came to hear what the Secretary of Education had to say.

Pictured, above left, are members of the Holtzclaw Family standing at the grave side of Dr. Holtzclaw following the dedication ceremony.

Pictured above, Dr. Paige salutes the crowd as he receives a standing ovation for his profound message.



The Holtzclaw Exhibit was organized by Ms. Jean Green and Dr. Shirley Davis. Green is pictured below exhibiting attire from the Holtzclaw era.



Above, Cordel Wren, Mr. Utica Campus, did the invocation for the premiere of the Holtzclaw exhibit.

Pictured right, Dr. George Barnes, Utica Campus vice president, welcomes the audience to the Holtzclaw exhibit which was held at the Southern Cultural Heritage Complex in Vicksburg.

The event was held on February 10, 2003.





# William H. Holtzclaw Touring Exhibit

In its 100th year celebration, the Utica Campus presented The William H. Holtzclaw Touring Exhibit as a testament to the Holtzclaw legacy, depicting the early years and also the Utica Campus at present. This exhibit represents a magnificent demonstration that the administration, faculty, students, and community are "Embracing the Legacy, Upholding the Promise." Included in the exhibit are vintage photos of supporters, faculty, students, and organizations Holtzclaw started, buildings constructed with students and community labor, Holtzclaw's home and family, and books about Holtzclaw. To bring continuity to the exhibit, professional staff developed a video. The collage of the present campus was done by Randy Minton, art instructor,

and LaTonya Rankin, multi-media specialist. The display panel and other photos were arranged by Jean Greene, Utica Campus librarian.

After developing the programs and physical plant of the school, Holtzclaw shared the school and community's accomplishments by writing and printing at the Utica Institute, The Black Man's Burden by 1915, making him one of the first blacks in Mississippi to have a published work.

William Henry Holtzclaw died in August 1943, in his home on the campus which he founded 40 years earlier. The epitaph inscribed on his tomb describes the life of a great man: "He built his monument in the hearts of men."



Pictured right is Dr. Shirley Davis who coordinated the Exhibit and worked tirelessly to ensure the success of this project. Pictured left and top are parts of the Exhibit.

Pictured left and top are parts of the Exhibit. Pictured top, Mrs. Verna Rollins, the granddaughter of Dr. Holtzclaw, photographs the exhibit.



# Sports Hall of Fame

During the Centennial Celebration, the Utica Campus instituted the Sports Hall of Fame. The banquet and award ceremony took place on March 17, 2003, in the J. D. Boyd Gymnasium. The program was a grand success, filling the gym with people from across the United States.

Dr. Eugene Gaston, dean of instruction, served as master of ceremony of the event.

Dr. Barnes, Utica Campus vice president, and Dr. Clyde Muse, HCC president, greeted the crowd of several hundred people.

Pictured right, Dr. Barnes presented the inductees as Dr. Muse awarded them their plaques.

Those inductees included Alonzo Bradley, Cleveland Green, James Kinnard, Robert Moreland, Earl Joe Nelson, Louise Harris Nichols, Lester Owens, Dr. Roderick Paige, Robert Strong, and Booker Young.



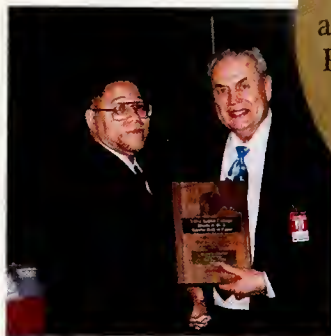
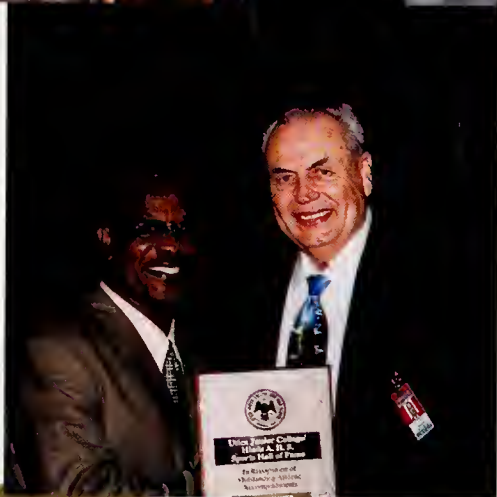
Pictured above: Mrs. Monocia Connors, president of the Utica local Alumni chapter, announced the establishment of the Utica Campus Athletic Alumni Chapter.



The honorees were greeted and honored by their families and friends. Accomplishments of the group included having received the state Governor's Merit Award of Excellency, National Player of

the Year for College Division, Conference Tournament Champion, and being chosen to play in the professional league.





From  
top: Robert  
Strong; Joe Nelson;  
Nelson, J.Louis Stokes and  
friend; Coach Lester Owens;  
and Booker Young. HCC  
President, Dr. Clyde Muse  
presented the honorees  
their plaques.

From  
top: Louis Nichols;  
James Kinnard; Cleveland  
Green; Robert Moreland, and  
Alonzo Bradley  
HCC President, Dr. Clyde Muse  
presented the honorees with plaques.  
  
After the honorees received their  
plaques, they each responded.  
  
The closing remarks were given by  
Utica Campus Men Basketball  
Coach, Ralph Moore.

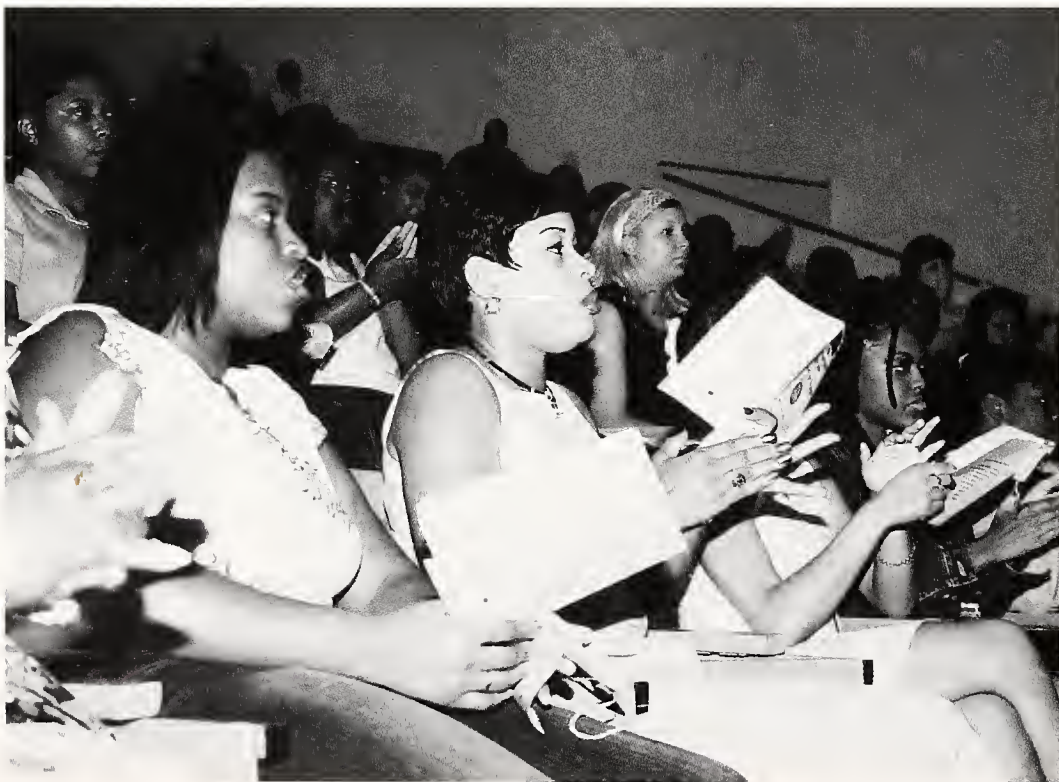


# Honors and Awards Day

The Honors and Awards Day Program was held April 15, 2003, in the Amphitheater of the Walter Washington Academic and Administration Building. Mississippi State Senator John Horhn delivered the keynote address.

Students were recognized for their academic performance and community service. Among those recognized were Who's Who In America, President's Scholars, Dean's Scholars, Divisional Scholars, and Outstanding Organizational participants. A Special Awards Presentation was also presented. All of the programs were represented. From each of the three areas: Academic, Technical, and Career, an outstanding student was selected.

Kristi Sanders, General Studies, received the Outstanding Academic Student of the Year Award. Lactetia Szaabo, Child Development Technology, received the Outstanding Technical Student of the Year Award, and Victoria Jefferson, Barbering, received the Outstanding Career Education Student of the Year Award.



Students from all of the different academic, technical, and career areas were on hand to receive awards. Their friends and classmates came out to support the program.

Sophomore English major Pequette Williamson introduced the keynote speaker, Senator John Horhn, representative for Senate District 26.





Pictured with keynote Speaker, Senator John Horhn, is LaTonya Moore, who received several awards during the program.



Utica Campus Vice President Dr. George Barnes congratulates Kristy Sanders, Outstanding Academic Student of the Year. Sanders is a General Studies major.



A group of honorees gathered for a photo shoot following the Honors and Awards Day Program. Pictured among the group are representatives from the different programs of study.

Utica Campus Vice President Dr. George Barnes is captured with Senator John Horhn following the Honors and Awards Day Program in which Senator Horhn served as keynote speaker.



# The Winter Homecoming

On Saturday, February 15, 2003, as a part of the Centennial Celebration, the Utica Campus honored a few of it's own. The Winter Homecoming recognized graduates of the Utica Campus who had made significant contributions to the College, community, and this country. The areas in which the honorees were recognized are as follows: U.S. Congress, MS Legislature, Chancery Court, Medical Physicians, Medical Professionals, Doctoral Degrees, Attorneys, College Presidents, County, Town, and City Officials, Commissioned Military Officers, Principals (past & present), Outstanding Alumni Officers, Outstanding Entrepreneurs, Journalists and Authors, Distinguished Pillar of the Community Award, and Distinguished Benefactor's Award.

Pictured right: Utica Campus Vice President Dr. George Barnes and wife Doris, receive the Distinguished Benefactor's Award for the Dr. George & Doris Barnes Endowed Scholarship. Assisting in the awards presentation is Mrs. Monocia Connors, Alumni Relations chair.



Pictured above: HCC Vice President for Business Services, Mr. Adam Jenkins, and wife Margaree are awarded the Distinguished Benefactor's Awards for the Adam and Margaree Jenkins Endowed Scholarship. Presenters of the award were Utica Campus Vice President, Dr. George Barnes, and Mrs. Monocia Connors, Alumni Relations chair.



Dr. Shirley Davis is awarded the Distinguished Benefactor's Award for the Centennial Scholarship and Brick Campaign and Fundraising Campaign.





Program presenters were Monica Lacey & Cordel Wren, Mr. & Miss Utica Campus; Deidra Wilcher & Larry Taylor, Mr. & Miss Hinds AHS; Constance Cash, Student Government president; and Mrs. Deborah Danner, Program Presider.

Registration: Gwen Strong and Ruth Washington; Photographer: Robert Anderson; Hostesses: Nicole Robinson and Megan Bolton; Entertainment: The Utica Jubilee Singers, under the direction of Dr. Bobby Cooper.

Below: Honorees enjoy viewing pictures of years ago and comparing the different eras. Viewing the picture are past National Alumni presidents, Monocia Connors, Shirley Richardson, and Ann Harper.



Distinguished Benefactor's Award was presented to Mrs. Ellestene Turner for the Ellestene Turner Endowed Scholarship.

Former Utica Campus Dean of Students, Mr. Johnny Crisler, receives the Outstanding Entrepreneurs Award.



Ms. Delois Thompson receives the Outstanding Alumni Officer's Award.

HCC Development Foundation representative, Ms. Betty Carraway, accepts the Distinguished Benefactor's award on behalf of Mrs. Dorothy and Louise Miley for the H.H. Davis Memorial Scholarship.



Former Utica Campus Biology Instructor, Ms. Hampton, accepts the Journalists and Authors Award on behalf of her son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Vicky Hampton.

Mr. K.C. Allen receives the Outstanding Alumni Officer's Award.



Pictured far left is Mrs. Goldia Revies, who was awarded the Journalists and Authors Award.

Pictured left: Supervisor George Smith receives the County, Town, & City Officials Award.



# Teacher Education Conference

"Make Learning Happen: TEACH"



Cindy Simmons, from the State Dept. of Ed. presented a workshop on "Standardized Testing and the No Child Left Behind Act."



There was intense concentration on completing assignments given by Algebra Project presenters.



Students demonstrated great interest in the Algebra Project Workshop.



Dr. Gloria Daniels, chair of the Education Division, and LaTonya Moore, education major, served as program presiders.



JPD Officer, Archie Hodge, presented a workshop on "Promoting a Safe Learning Environment Is Everybody's Business!"

Several hundred educators, community supporters, middle and high school students interested in teaching, and college students from across the State were in attendance at the 7th annual Teacher Education Conference held November 14, 2003. Mrs. Myra Buckley and Dr. Shirley Davis coordinated the Conference.



Pictured top: A JPS representative of the Algebra Project spoke with students on the topic "Get Hooked On Algebra Now!" Dr. Robert Moses from JPS is founder of the Project and coordinated the workshop.

Pictured right: Wesley Williams, director of the MS Teacher Center, spoke on "Meeting All of Your Educational Needs and Future Educator Clubs of America - Why join."







Pictured from left: Mr. Frank Yates, MAE Executive Director; Dr. Tom Kelly, HCC Academic Dean; Dr. George Barnes, Utica VP; Mrs. Myra Buckley, Teacher Ed. Coordinator, Dr. Earl Watkins, JPS Superintendent, and Dr. Clyde Muse, HCC President.



Pictured far left: Dr. Earl Watkins, superintendent of Jackson Public Schools, delivered the keynote address at the 7th annual Teacher Education Conference. Dr. Watkins' message focused on what he termed one of the greatest professions in the world, teaching. He linked the success of all other professions to the skills, dedication, and care of a teacher.

Dr. Watkins said the teaching profession is one to be taken seriously. He said teachers are called. Educators are called because of the impact, positive or negative, they can have on a child's life.

Dr. Watkins' message was interrupted several times by applause from the audience. At the conclusion of Dr. Watkins' message, he received a standing ovation.

Pictured left: HCC President Dr. Clyde Muse offered greetings to the hundreds of guests and welcomed them to the Conference.

Left: Dr. Barnes, Utica Campus Vice President, introduced the keynoter, Dr. Earl Watkins.



Right: Dr. Edward Wiggins, Carver Middle School Principal, presented a workshop on the topic, "Middle School Students Preparing To Teach: Getting It All Together."





100th

## Commencement Convocation



Dr. Henry Johnson, State Superintendent of Education, delivered the keynote address.



Several hundred graduates participated in the commencement exercises. Left: Tina Tanner poses with Media Technology Instructor, George McQuitter.

Utica Campus Vice President, Dr. George Barnes, presented the candidates with their degrees, certificates, and diplomas.



Cordel Wren, Mr. Utica Campus, receives his Associate in Arts degree from Dr. Barnes. Wren was a Music Education major from Jackson.

The 100th Commencement Convocation was held Sunday, May 18, 2003, in the J.D. Boyd Gymnasium. Employees joined the graduates in the graduation ceremony, adorning their graduation attire representing their majors and degrees.



Dr. George Barnes, Vice President for the Utica Campus, introduced the speaker for the 100th Commencement Convocation, Dr. Henry Johnson, State Superintendent of Education. Dr. Barnes also presided over the program.





There is silence as the graduates march in and take their seats. The only sound is that of the musicians playing "God of Our Fathers" as the processional.

## "Embracing the Legacy, Upholding the Promise" served as theme for the 100th Commencement

Program participants included members from the Hinds AHS JROTC, posting the colors; the Hinds AHS Band, processional and recessional; Invocation and Benediction, Rev. Horace Buckley, Cade Chapel M.B. Church; Remarks & Conferring of Degrees, Dr. Clyde Muse, HCC President; Presider & Introduction of Speaker, Dr. George Barnes, Utica Campus Vice President; Keynote Address, Dr. Henry Johnson, State Superintendent of Education; Music, Dr. Bobby Cooper and the Utica Campus Choir and Jubilee Singers; Presentation of Candidates, Hinds AHS Principal Robert Strong & Utica Campus Dean of Instruction Dr. Eugene Gaston; Assisting with Conferring of Degrees, Registrar Ellestene Turner & Hinds AHS Asst. Principal Bruce Baker.

### Commencement Committee Members

Dr. George Barnes  
Dr. Eugene Gaston  
Mrs. Loretta Gandy  
Mrs. Carolyn Addison  
Mr. Bruce Baker  
Mr. Charles Bell  
Dr. Bobby Cooper  
Mrs. Monocia Connors  
Mrs. Velma Harris  
Mr. Joe Huffman  
Mr. David Kelly  
Mr. Rajeev Khatkhate  
Dr. Jesse Killingsworth  
SFC Howard Lewis  
Mr. Ralph Moore  
Mr. Lester Owens  
Mr. Tim Rush  
Ms. Willie Ealey-Stokes  
Mr. Robert Strong  
Mrs. Ellestene Turner  
Mr. Michael Williams



Graduates received the Associate in Arts and the Associate in Applied Science degrees. Career Certificates were also awarded.

Left: Phi Theta Kappa & Honor Scholar Chiquita Collier and Magna Cum Laude Kristy Sanders lead the graduation line.

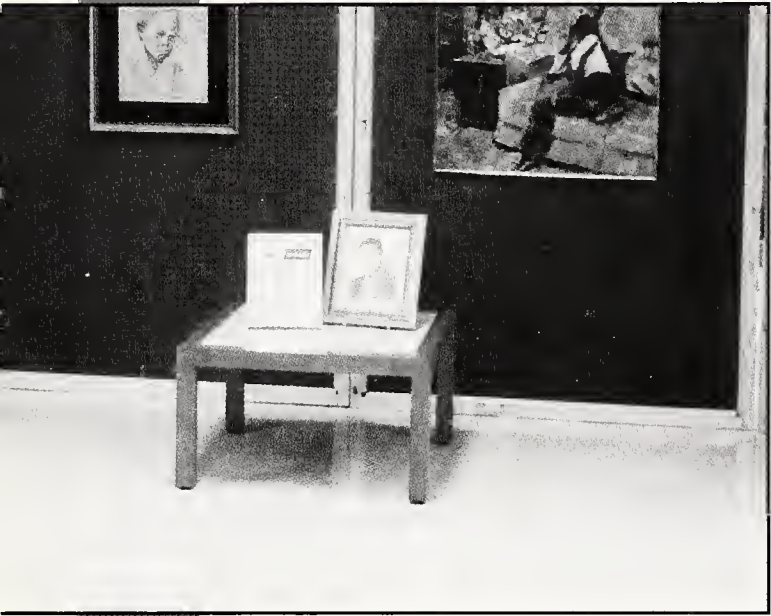


The Utica Campus Choir, under the direction of Dr. Bobby Cooper, performed two selections, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" and "Little Innocent Lamb."



# Dr. Hugh Ellis Stevens

The William Holtzclaw Library displays a fine collection of Dr. Hugh Ellis Stevens' art work. Pictured right is a painting entitled, "Home."



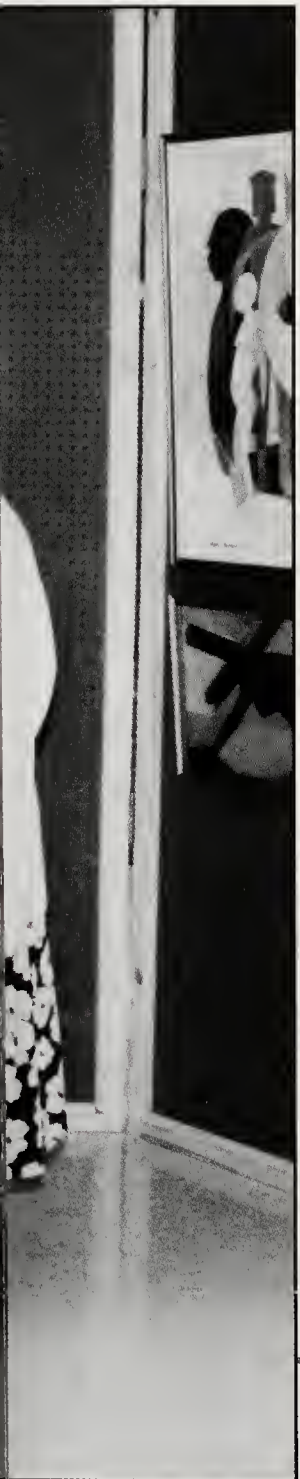
## Art Exhibit

There were several pieces of Dr. Hugh Ellis Stevens' art on display. Pictured with an unfinished work of Dr. Stevens' is Dr. George Barnes, Utica Campus vice president; Dr. Shirley Davis, Title III coordinator; and Ms. Jean Green, librarian. Dr. Davis and Ms. Green coordinated the exhibit. The unfinished piece is of Dr. Robert Smith, a Jackson physician.

Dr. Stevens taught Art at Utica Junior College for 11 years beginning in 1958. He later joined the Jackson State University faculty as an Art Instructor. His last position with JSU was as Assistant Dean of Liberal Arts.



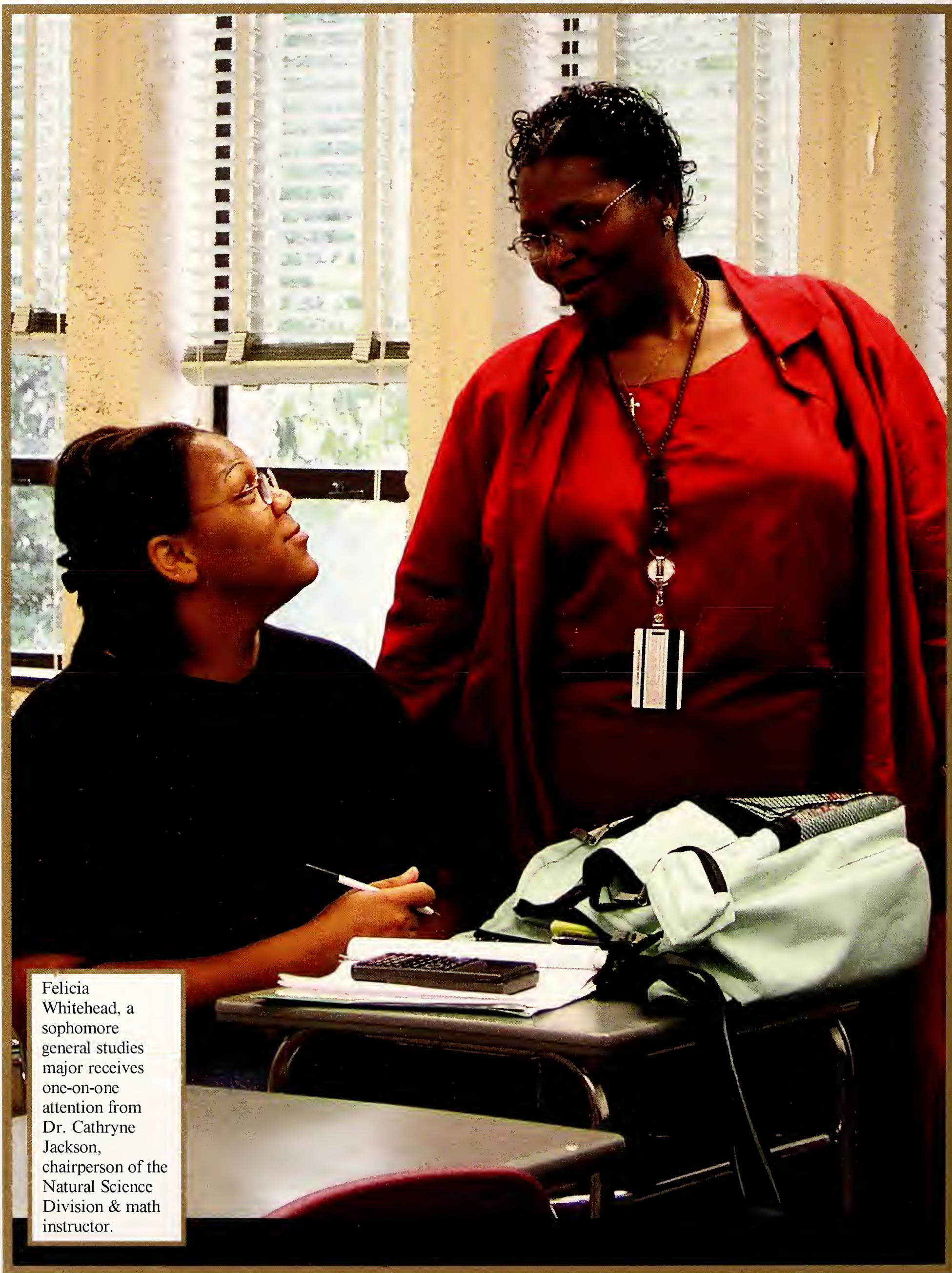




On permanent display in the William H. Holtzclaw Library is the oil painting of Dr. Hugh Stevens entitled, "Strumming." "Strumming" is pictured left and top left. Dr. Stevens' work can be seen in oil, pencil, pen, and charcoal.

The pieces in this exhibit were loaned to the Holtzclaw Library by Mrs. Christine Stevens, widow of Dr. Stevens'. Two other examples of his work are on display in the library. "The Holtzclaw Mansion" is on display in the Black Heritage Collection and "The Banjo Player" is on display in the Parent/Family Center.





Felicia Whitehead, a sophomore general studies major receives one-on-one attention from Dr. Cathryne Jackson, chairperson of the Natural Science Division & math instructor.



# Curriculums

Opening doors to the future

The Utica Campus offers a variety of academic, career, and technical programs. From these programs, students select the one that best fits his or her interest. The programs range from a one year requirement to a two year requirement. After graduation, the student may enter into the workforce or into a four year institution, depending on the program of study selected.

Whether graduating at the top of your class or merely just graduating, the reward has great benefits. Your goal is to earn a degree, learn a skill, or develop in a particular trade. Once that has been accomplished, your future begins to look a little brighter. You have something to offer. You reached.

*To attain success...*

*Priceless!*

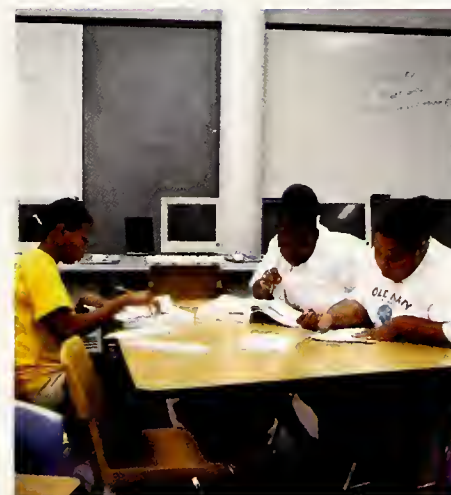
Students from building construction demonstrate their skills by framing a storage house.



Amanda Sledge from Raymond spends time between classes studying.



Friends make time for each other. These friends also enjoy group study in the library.



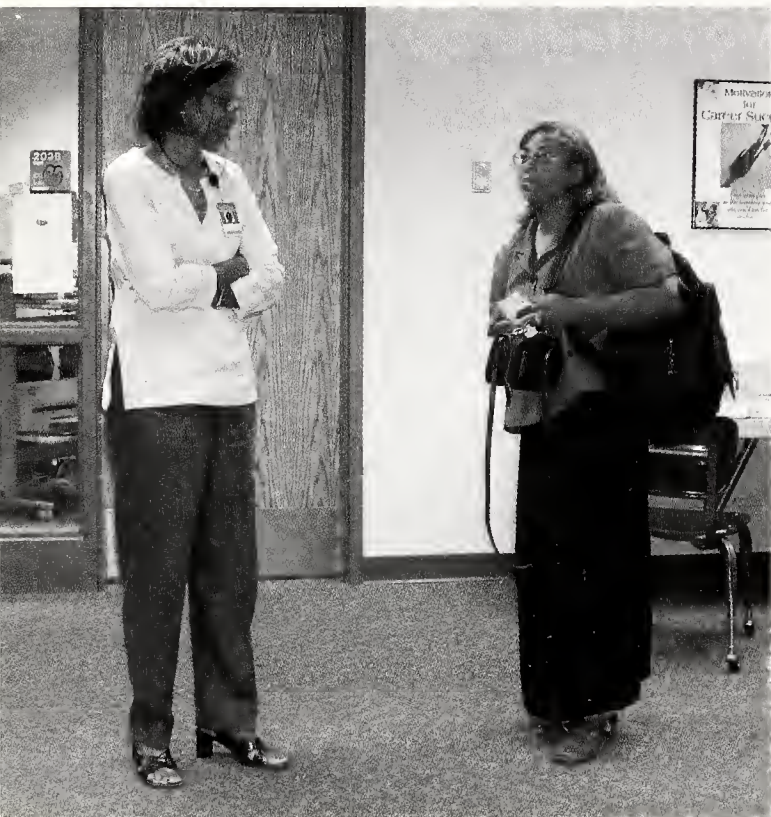
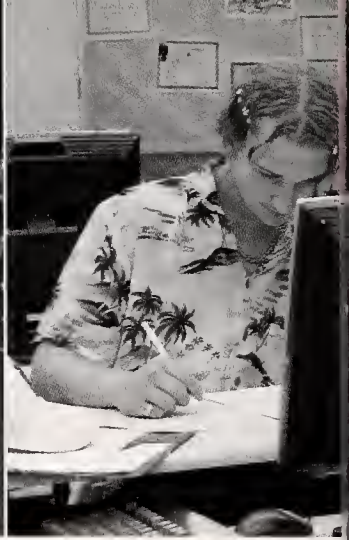
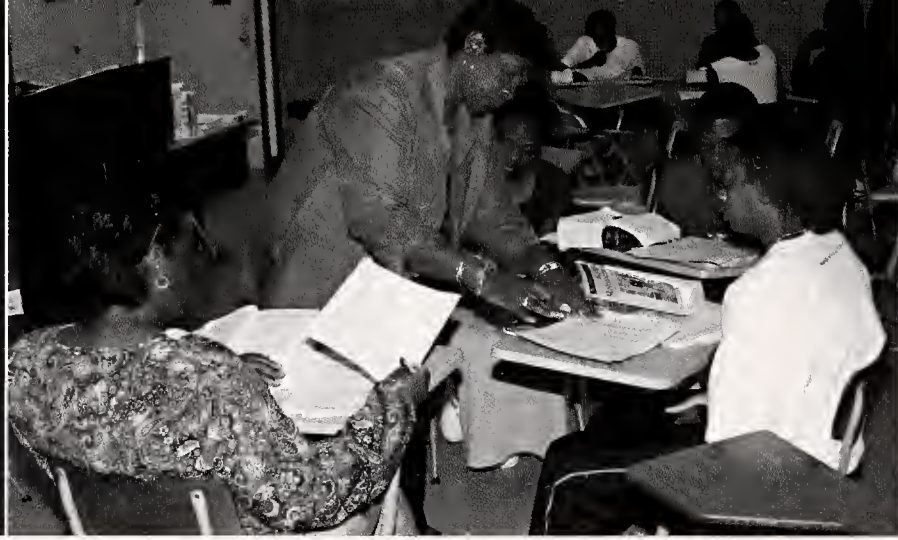
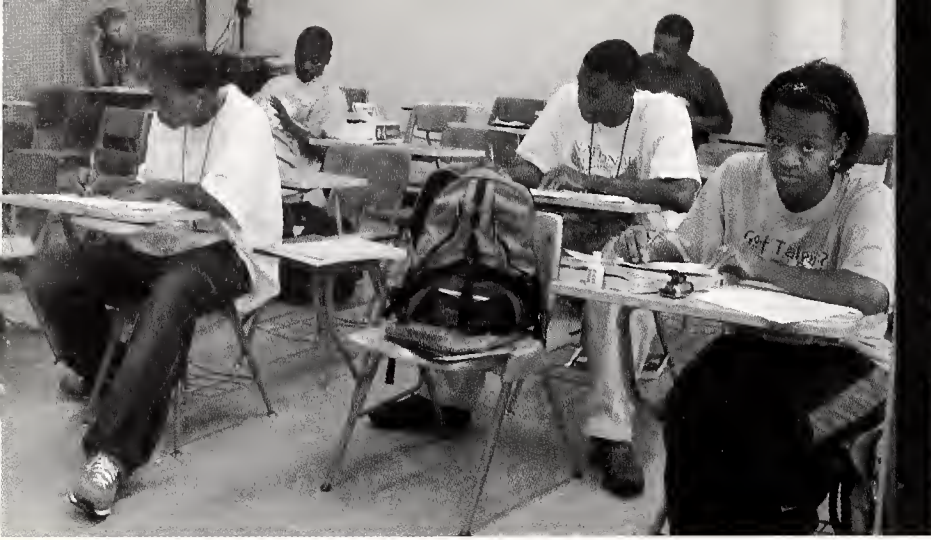
Biology students take notes during theory which helps them better understand the different procedures involved during lab time.



These students are anxious to get to their mid-morning class. They are focused on their goal which is to get a degree.



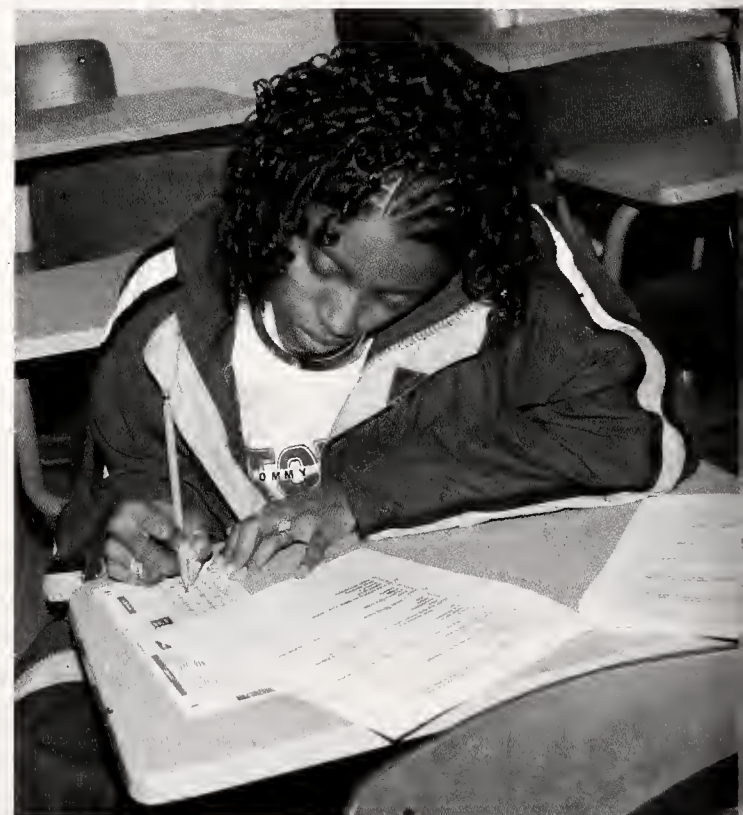




"I believe the impulse to teach is fundamentally altruistic and represents a desire to share what you value, and to empower others, I am not talking about the job of teaching so much as the calling to teach. Most teachers I know have felt that calling at some time in their lives." Herbert Kohl

Above: Ms. Ammie McCurley, biology instructor, performs an experiment showing the effects of sugar and other chemicals once heat is applied.

Right: Twanna Byther is given a test in Mr. Tate's sociology class.



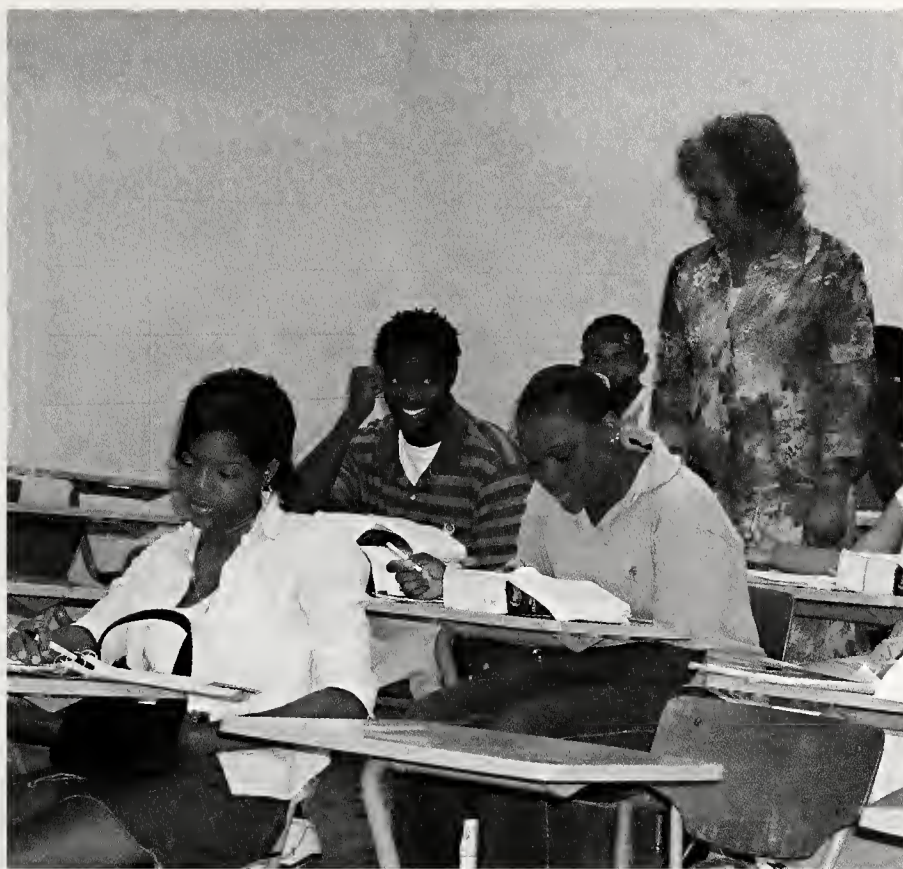




"Education must not simply teach work. It must teach life."

W.E. B. Du Bois

Above: Students are engaged in independent study. They each work at their own pace.



Mrs. Barbara Stokes, English instructor, moves about the room checking on the progress of the students' work.

## Teach Me!

Education is a tool that should never be used to separate people; instead, it should be used to bring them together. We learn from each other; therefore, we grow. It is when we size a man based on the knowledge he has attained from a book, that we demonstrate how little we know.

The Utica Campus Family prides itself on teaching and learning. The administration, faculty, and staff impart their knowledge and wisdom to the many students who have intrusted their educational beginnings into their hands. In the process of giving to the students, there is much received.

Students come to the Utica Campus from all walks of life, having different goals, objectives, aspirations, and needs. It is the desire of the Utica Campus Family to meet each student at whatever point he or she needs.

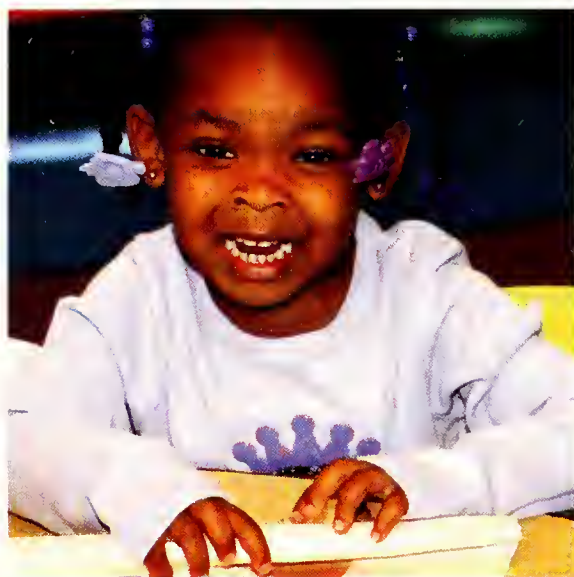
There is a science to just about everything man does. The key is learning it.





Right, freshman Child Care major, Tennisha Johnson ties the shoe of toddler Antane'q.

Below, Alicia Jones works in the Art Center. She poses for the camera and smiles, "cheese."



Kayla Fisher develops her motor skills. She is determined to draw and color something her imagination has created.

Above, Sophomore Tawana Green and Instructor Mary Darden work with Green's son Christopher as other students look attentively.

Sleeping is Dorian German.

Right: Freshman Foresse Redmond and Instructor Mary Darden work with students in the Art Center.





# Child Development Technology

## Child Care Lab Extends Its Services

The Child Development Technology Program has 69 students enrolled with two instructors. The Utica Campus Child Development Technology Program was the first junior/community college in the State to receive national accreditation, which was awarded in December 1993. That accreditation is from the National Association of the Education of Young Children. Every three years the Program is evaluated by personnel from the national office for re-certification purposes. This academic year, 2003-2004, the program is scheduled for its third evaluation.

The Child Development Technology Program sponsors a Child Care Conference each year where national child care professionals serve as speakers and or performers. State and local child care professionals also conduct various workshops during the conference which is usually held in April during the National Week of the Young Child. The Utica Campus conference carries the national theme, "Children's Opportunities - Our Responsibilities."

The Child Development Technology Program is a two year Technical Program. The instructors are Mrs. Marilyn Davis and Mrs. Laketha Berry.

Teach Me!

There is a child  
And he says,  
"Teach Me."  
The wondering,  
curious,  
discovering child...  
Awed at the beauty,  
the rhythm, the  
process.  
Teach me to know  
How and where is  
my world, and why  
am I me,  
Where do I end  
and others begin?  
Teach me!



Above: Sophomore Brenda Henderson, left, and Mrs. Lenora Murray work with the toddlers.

Pictured left: Freshmen child care majors Schwonda Rogers and Audrey Humphrey work with pre-schoolers. The students are enjoying snack time.

Above: Alexis is a mobile infant.

Aside from the normal 20 pre-schoolers the Freddie Jackson Child Care Center was previously able to enroll, an additional seven infants and toddlers have been added.

"It's a new experience, but we are enjoying it," says Mrs. Mary Darden, Center director.



# Welding and Cutting

Welding is a one-year Career Program. Upon graduation, students are skilled to enter the workforce.

The instructor is Mr. Freddie Edwards.

The Welding and Cutting Program includes Shielded Metal Arc Welding, Flux Cored Arc Welding, Gas Metal Arc Welding, Pipe Welding, Plasma Arc Welding, Carbon Arc Welding, Oxyfuel Cutting, Gas Metal Arc Aluminum Welding, and Gas Tungston Arc Welding.

Students learn to clean their tools and equipment before and after each project.

Protective gear is needed when performing any kind of welding. The correct clothing, hand wear, foot wear and eye wear are all a part of being an effective welder.

Students are behind a protective covering when welding which keeps any flying objects or debris from traveling outside of the welding area.





# Career Education Programs

## Residential Carpentry Technology



Students are taught the safe and correct way to use the saw, one of the most used instruments in Carpentry and Construction.

The Residential Carpentry Program is a one-year Career Program designed to prepare students to enter the workforce upon completion. Graduates receive a certificate of completion.

Mr. Leonard Knight is the instructor.



The Residential Carpentry class consists of students who are interested in working with their hands. Precision is a must in this field. Pictured are, from left, Instructor Leonard Knight, Chris Hyder, Milo Rucker, Bobby Thomas, William Slater, and Chris Armstrong.



Instructor Leonard Knight and Chris Armstrong work out the dimensions for building a storage house.

Each of the students is required to complete a project before graduating.



## *Auto Body and Collision Repair Technology*

Auto Body and Collision Repair Technology is an instructional program designed to prepare students for entry-level jobs in the collision repair and refinishing trade. Upon completion of this program, students are prepared for entry-level positions as body frame and refinish technicians. Students are provided theory, practical repair, and refinish work beginning with basic applications and progressing on to heavy collision repairs requiring major body and frame alignment and panel replacement. The instruction includes all phases necessary to teach collision repair including glass replacement, trim replacement, and cosmetic and structural repairs.

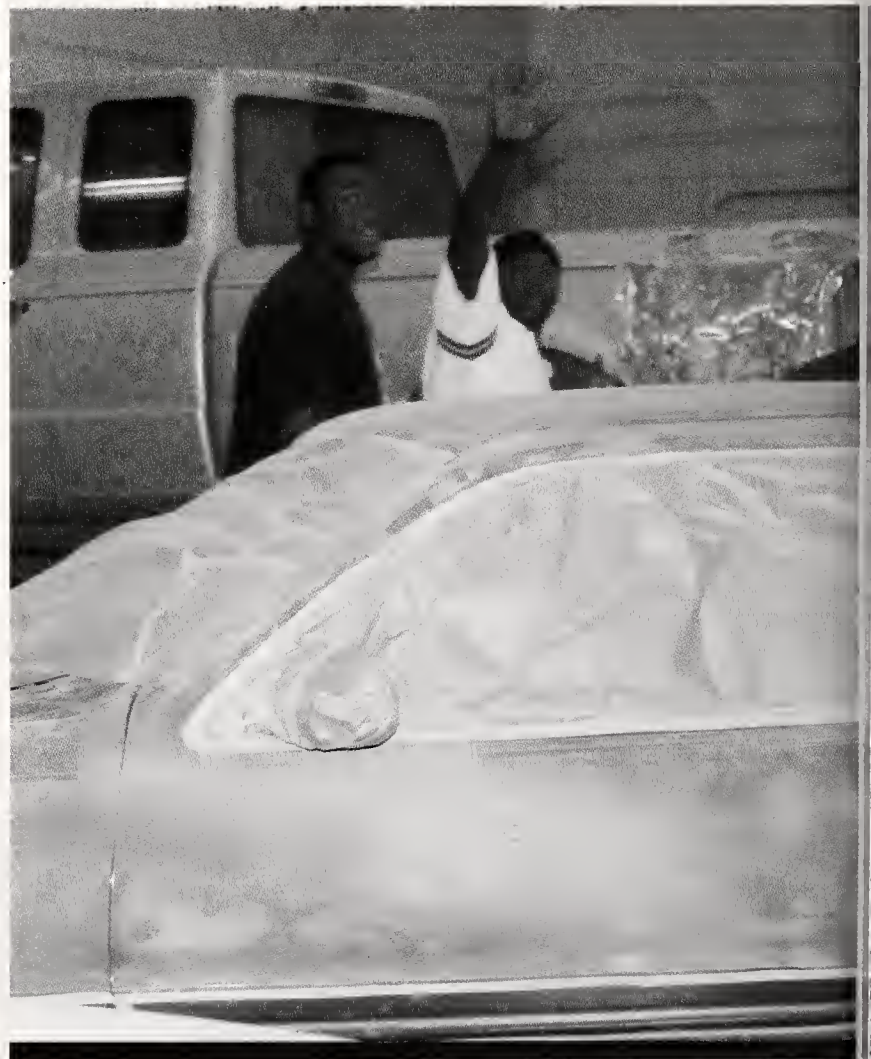
The Auto Body and Collision Repair Technology program is under the leadership of Mr. Robert Jacobs.

Pictured right is Donnie Cavalier at the front right of the truck who is seen sanding the body of a Ford pick-up before painting. Cavalier is a sophomore. At the front left of the truck is Marcus Roper, a sophomore from Edwards. Roper is taping the truck. Courtney Edwards, from Bolton, is providing the humor.



Above: Jessie, from Hermanville, knocks the dents out of the truck getting it ready for painting as Marcus looks on.

Right: Vernon Hunter notices the camera while Fredrick Jones offers a wave. They work as a team in sanding, taping, and preparing the car for the paint booth.







Below: Donnie Cavalier checks the padding on the sander for excessive wear.



Below: Donnie Cavalier doesn't mind the interruption from the camera person, but soon gets back to work, sanding.



After taping the back of the truck, "Wet Back" finishes his job and prepares to wash his car as Courtney Edwards enjoys the time off. Marcus Roper, however, continues until the job is complete.

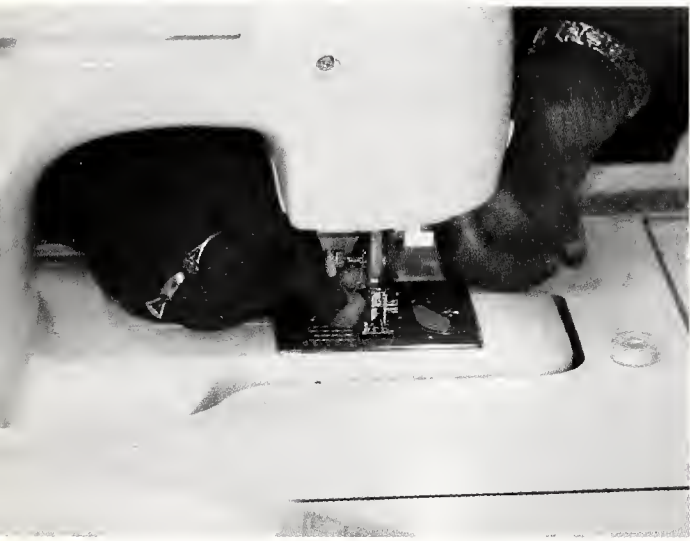


Marcus Roper moves to the back of the car to inspect for possible tears in the material used to protect the windows during the painting process.

The 2003-2004 Auto Body and Collision Repair Technology class enrolls twenty-five students from Jackson, Edwards, Utica, Crystal Springs, Hermanville, Fayette, Hazlehurst, Vicksburg, and Port Gibson.



*The Clothing and Textile Services students work on several major projects during the year. They play a major role in the selection of the gowns to be worn during the Homecoming Coronation Ball. They also sponsor a winter and spring fashion show where the latest fashions are modeled along with their own creations.*



Top: Across from spools of threads of various colors is Gertrude Chatman who observes the workings of her classmates.

Above: A freshman student threads the machine in preparation for heming a pair of pants.

Above: Wytika and Sandrella work on garments for the Homecoming Coronation Ball.

Above right: Tee Adams assists Carlos Jackson in the preparation of sewing.

Right: Instructor, Mrs. Verlene Redfield, solicits the support of freshman, Erica, in laying out a pattern.





# *Clothing and Textile*

*From threading the bobbin to making the final stitch*

The Clothing and Textile Services program prepares students for entry-level occupations in the clothing and textile industry. The program includes, but is not limited to, construction, fabric, fabric design, fabric care, pattern design, principles of clothing selection and construction, fitting and alteration, custom tailoring, clothing maintenance, home furnishing, and textile testing.

Mrs. Verlene Redfield is the instructor.

*Upon completion of the Clothing and Textile Services program, graduates are prepared to go directly into the world of work.*



Above: Andrea makes a floral blouse to be worn during the fashion show the class sponsors each year.

Left: Sonya Howard helps to layout pattern for cutting. Howard is a freshman from Utica.

Each year, the skills of students from the Clothing and Textile Services program are utilized in making the gowns to be worn during the Homecoming Coronation Ball ceremony.



## *Food Production Management Technology*

The Food Production and Management Technology program prepares students to go directly into the work force or to continue their education at a four-year institution. Students may receive a certificate or an associate of applied science degree upon graduation. The 2003-2004 class has approximately twenty-five students enrolled.

Throughout the year, the Food Production and Management Technology class prepares food for various occasions such as Bosses Day, International Association for Administrative Professionals Day, the Coronation Ball, the Senior Day Counselors Luncheon, and others.

The program is under the supervision of Mrs. Carolyn Samual.



**Pictured above: Sheila Collins, left, a sophomore from Jefferson County, and Emmitt Ward, from Vicksburg, cut the edges off the bread in preparing to make pimento sandwiches.**



**Dr. Killingsworth tries to cut his birthday cake. Actually, it is a mock birthday cake made from a gift box and beautifully decorated by Octavis Davis, a sophomore from Port Gibson.**





Pictured are scenes from the preparation of food for the surprise birthday party of Dr. Jesse Killingsworth, dean of the Career and Technical Education Division, and from the actual party.

Left: Tee Adams prepares the bacon for club sandwiches as Gertrude Chatman toasts the bread for the sandwiches. They both as freshmen. In background: Michael Miller prepares the punch.

The birthday menu included club sandwiches, pimento sandwiches, deviled eggs, tuna and crackers, a fruit tray, mints, a variety of cakes, and punch.



Octavis Davis, a sophomore and owner of Nook's Bakery in Port Gibson, presents the beautifully decorated birthday cake.



Dr. Killingsworth prepares to cut the first slice.



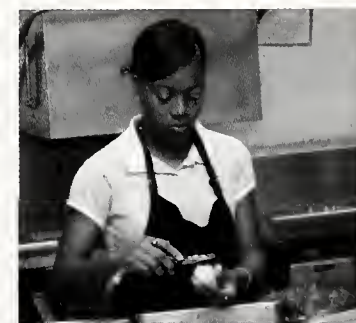
After several attempts to cut the birthday cake, Dr. Killingsworth finally discovers that something is wrong with either the knife or the cake.



Mike poses for the camera as he adds the finishing touch to the punch.



Far left: Octavis Davis supervises Roderick Reese as he takes the cake from the oven and lets it cool before she begins decorating it.



Carnika Evans, a freshman from Edwards, prepares deviled eggs for the party.

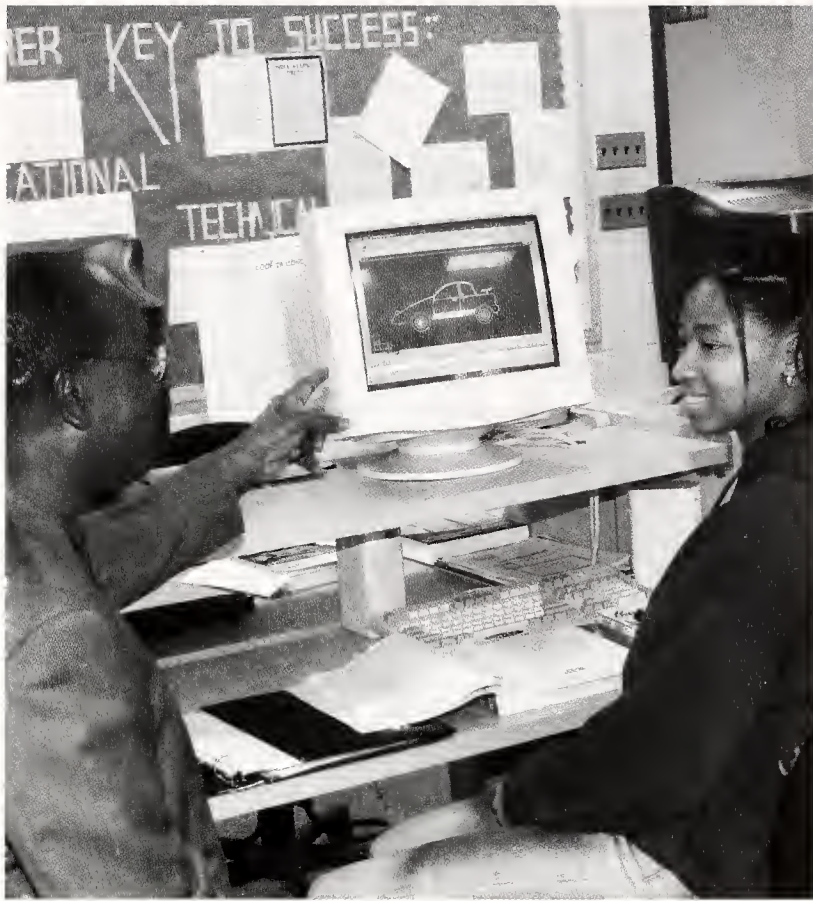


Tee Adams and Octavis Davis slice the cakes for the party. Davis baked and decorated all of the cakes for the party.



# Designing For the Future

## *Drafting and Design Technology*

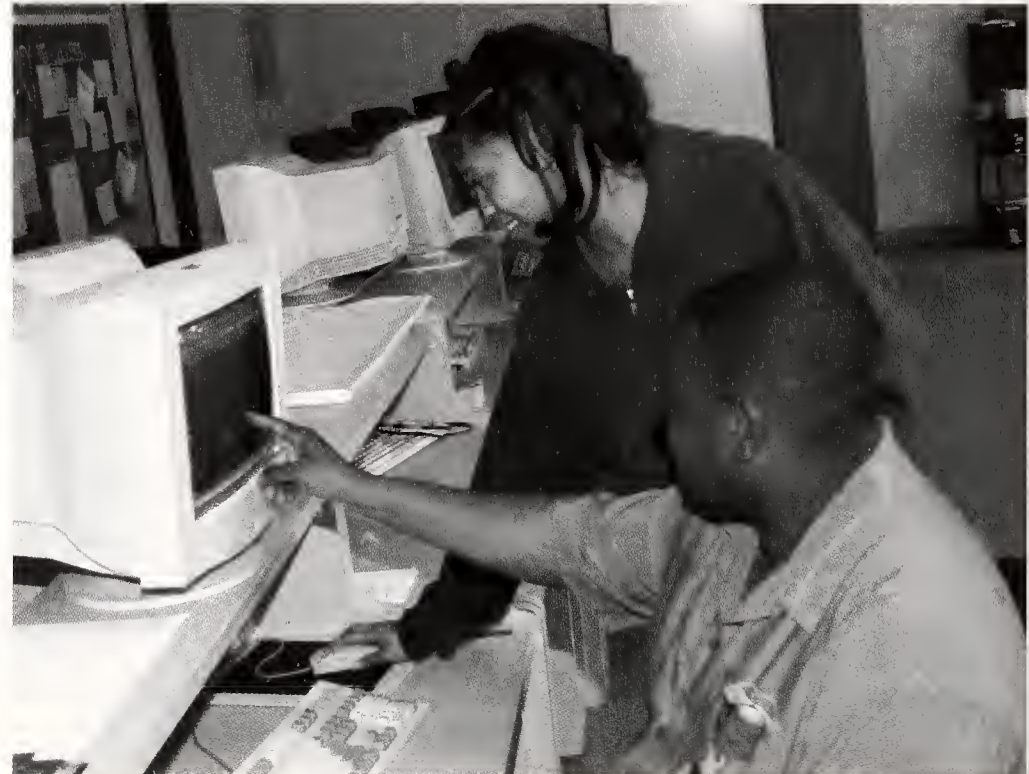


Tonya Fitzgerald, a freshman from Fayette, has drawn a model of a car she hopes to one day design. Instructor Lester Owens views the model and offers suggestions after praising her drafting and design skills.

Drafting and Design Technology is a two-year Career and Technical Education program. Graduates are awarded the Associate of Applied Science degree.



Marcus Webb is a freshman drafting student from Edwards.



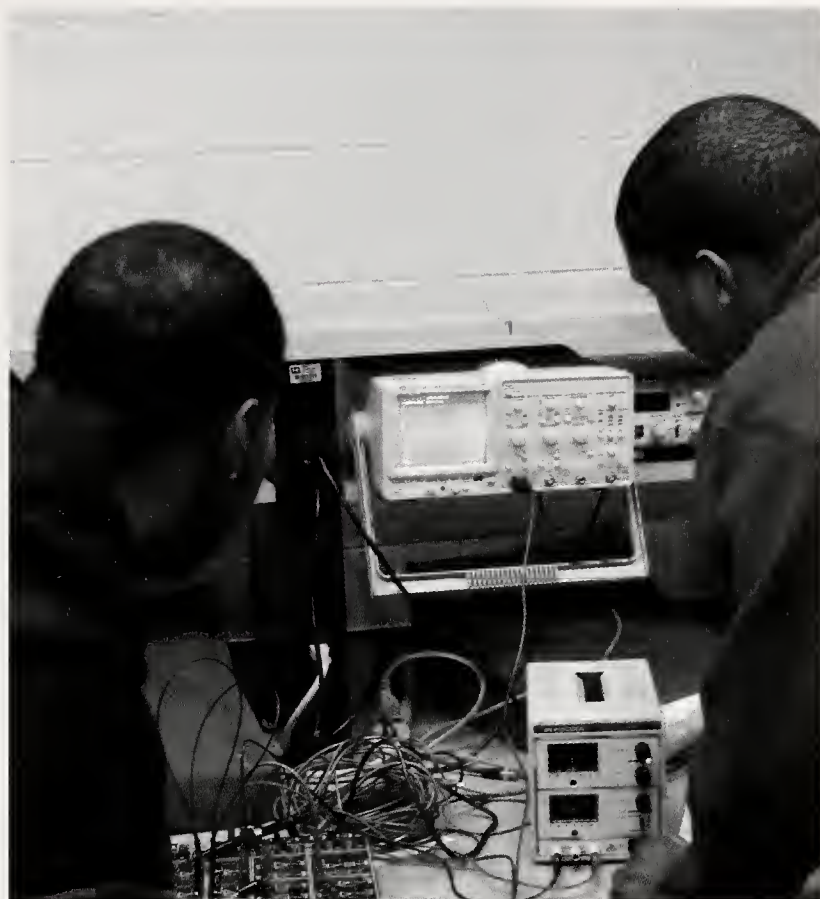
Instructor Lester Owens demonstrates a few design techniques as Webb takes note.





# Technology Worldwide

## Electronics Technology



The purpose of the Electronics Technology curriculum is to provide instruction necessary for a student to become a competent electronic technician. Graduates of the curriculum will be eligible for entry level employment into any of the options in the field of electronics. Graduates will be qualified to correlate the activities of

scientific research, engineering, and production for a variety of occupational fields. A graduate of the Electronic Technology curriculum will possess the ability of working and communicating directly with engineers, scientists, and other technical personnel in their specialized area.



Electronics instructor, Mr. Dwight Price, checks circuits in the process of completing a repair job.



Alonzo Jefferson, a freshman from Utica, checks the monitor after successfully completing a classroom project.

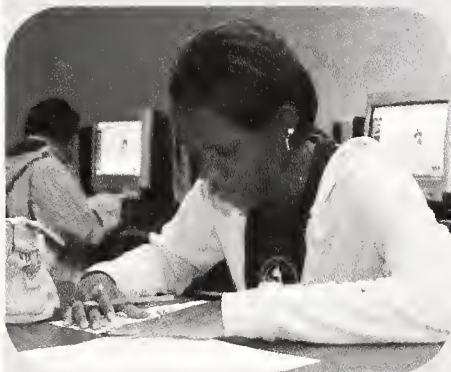




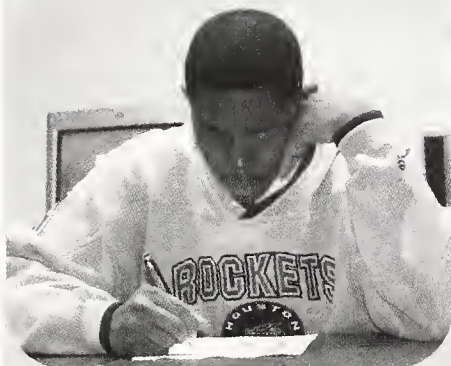
# *The Power of Words: Reading and English*



Ms. Wiggins works one-on-one with a student.



Reading assignments are often a part of the daily schedule in the reading lab.



Working independently is a part of learning.

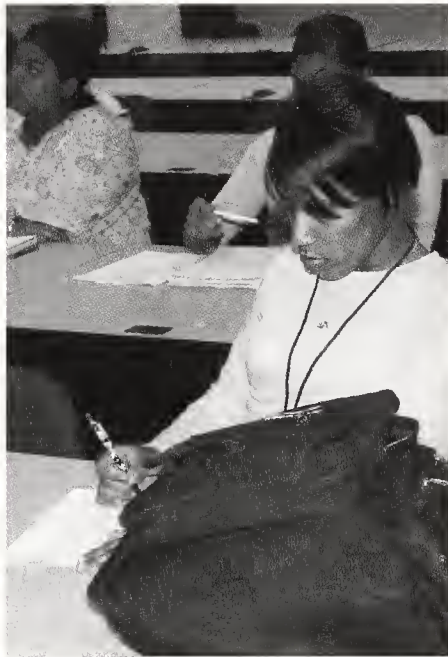


Mr. Waddell teaches, reviews, and tests to develop good writers.

Right: Ms. Wiggins, reading instructor, gives the instructions for completing the reading assignment that is due at the end of the class period.



Below: Stephanie Polk realizes the importance of taking notes and reviewing them later.



Above: Students receive instructions before beginning their test.





*"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the true goal of education."*

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



Mr. Waddell, English instructor, checks the students' work following a classroom assignment. Chanka Davis, a freshman from Utica, seeks assistance in understanding exactly what the assignment includes.



## *Biological Science*



Laquanda & Amanda  
observe plant specimen.



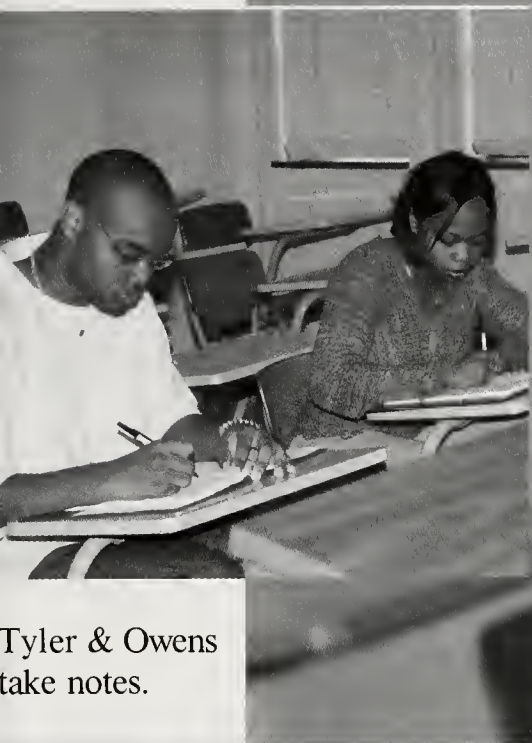
Right: Vertis  
Johnson examines  
specimen.

Below: Instructor  
McCurley reviews  
biology manual with  
student.





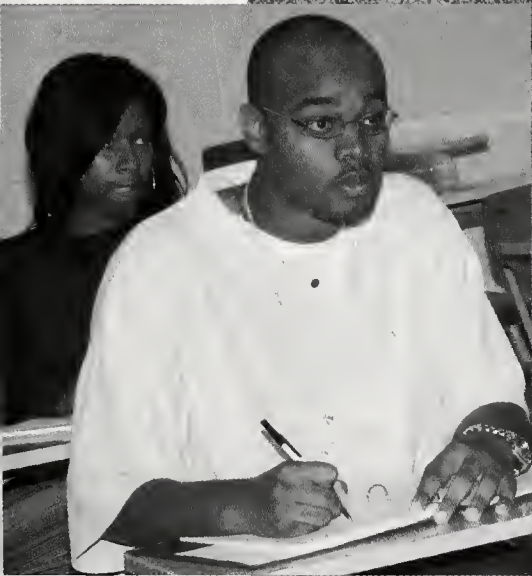
*Oral Communications*



Tyler & Owens  
take notes.



Speech is  
therapeutic.

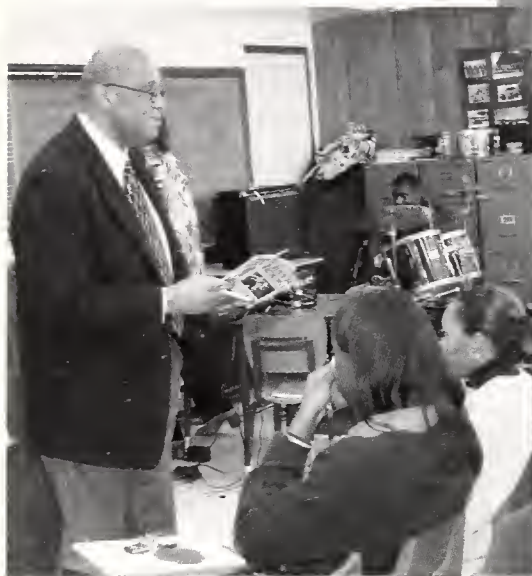


Tyler and  
Timeka listen  
and take  
notes.





## *Music Education*



Dr. Cooper teaches music theory and history.



The Jubilee Singers practice and practice again.



The instruments must be in perfect harmony with the voices.

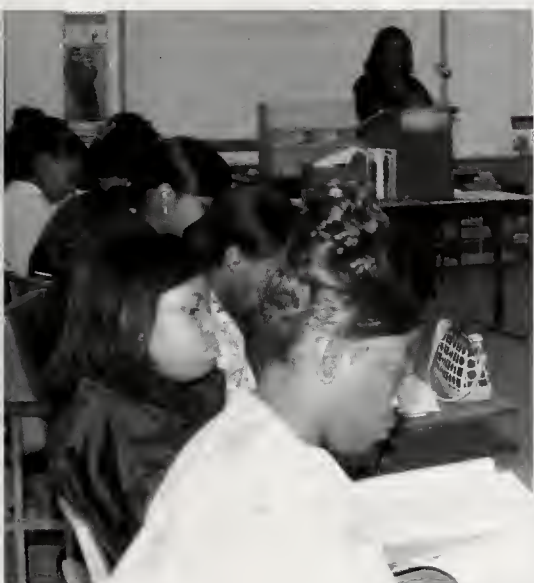




*Math-Business Technology-Child Development Technology-Art*



Business Technology class at work.



Child Development Technology class listens.

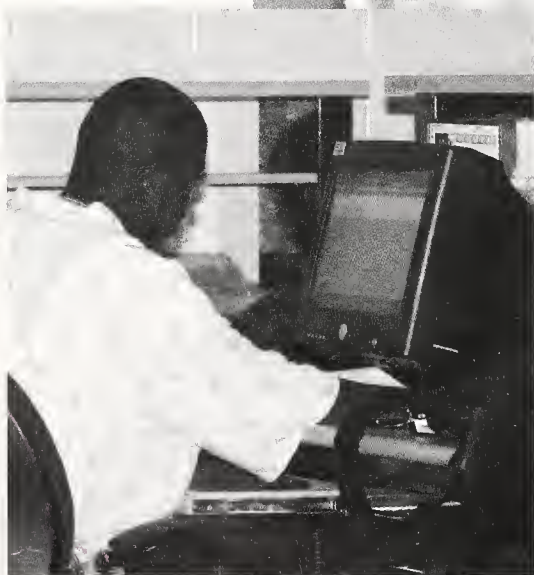
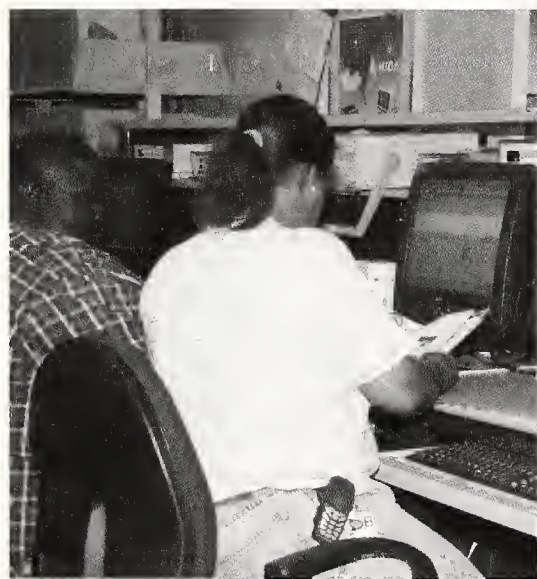
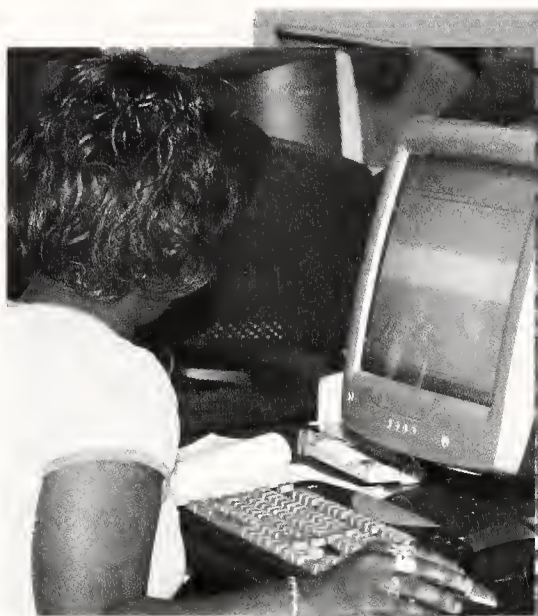


James volunteers to show what he understands about solving Algebra problems.



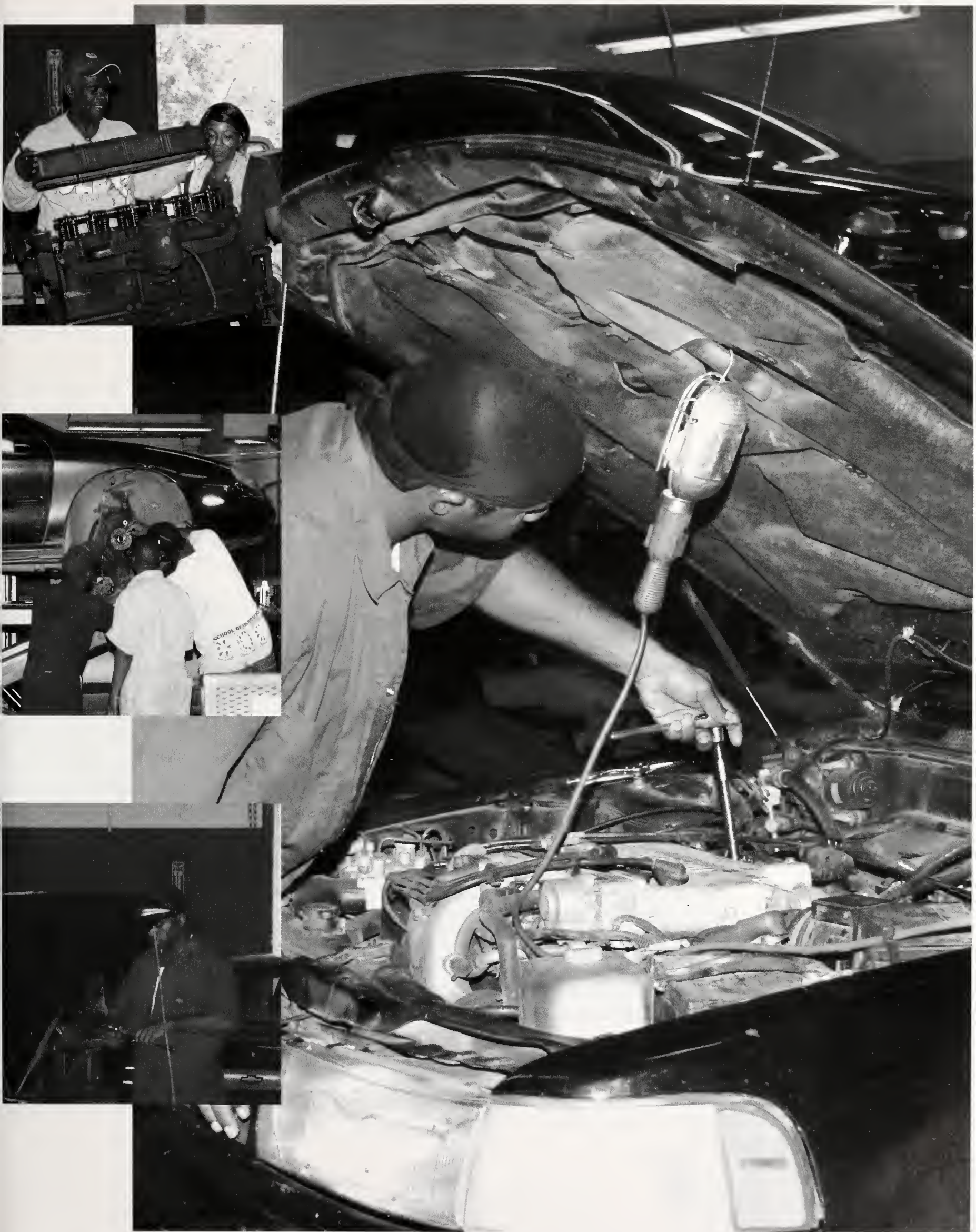


*Computers: Making the difference*





## *Auto Mechanics*





## *International Association for Administrative Professionals (IAAP) - Employee Chapter*



Front row from left:  
LaTonya Moore (student)  
Mrs. Doris McClure  
Mrs. Gwendolyn Strong  
Ms. Jackie Braggs,  
president

Back row from left:  
Ms. Katrina Felton  
Ms. Cynthis Jones  
Mrs. Jackie German  
Mrs. Deborah Danner  
Mrs. Ester Owens  
Ms. Delois Thompson  
Mrs. Amanda Hubbard  
Ms. Martha Terrell

## *Child Development Technology*

### **Sophomores-**

LaKisha Davis  
Gwendolyn Gibson  
Alice Gilmore  
Tawana Green  
April Haynes  
Brenda Henderson  
Kristina Jones  
LaToya Jones  
Catherine McGee  
Asheley Rice  
Luticia Stamps  
Rashandra Turner  
Kinyarda West

### **Freshmen**

Akiyah Allen  
Jessica Allen  
Suretha Banks  
Ruby Barber  
Sparkle Barnes  
Antrese Berry  
Roshanda Coleman  
Jessica Covington  
Rae Evans  
Dell'atte Hicks  
Audrey Humphrey  
Keva Johnson  
Laquanda Johnson



Tenneshia Johnson, Ortega Jones, Canetra MacKey, Marquita Marshall, Shelby Moore, Ciji Neal, Teketta Neal, Stephanie Polk, Forescee Redmond, Latiscal Robinson, Schwonda Rogers, Mary Smith, Twanika Sojourner, Jacquelyn Thomas, Rashandra Turner, and Glenda Wilson, Mrs. Marilyn Binion-Davis and Mrs. LaKetha Berry, advisors.



# Clubs

*"Honor is the reward for what you give."*

The Utica Campus offers a variety of academic and career and technical programs. From these programs, students select the one that best fits his or her interest. The programs range from a one year requirement to a two year requirement. After graduation, the student may enter into the workforce or into a four year institution, depending on the program of study selected.

Whether graduating at the top of the class or merely just graduating, the reward has great benefits. The goal was to earn a degree, learn a skill, or develop in a particular trade. Once that has been accomplished, the future begins to look a little brighter. You have something to offer. You reached.

## Teamwork...

## Priceless!

### *(IAAP)*

seated from left:  
Kassandra  
Henderson &  
Danielle Minor

Back from left:  
LaTonya Moore  
& DeLois  
Thompson,  
advisor



### *Computer Science*

Arinelle White, Titus  
Carver, Jason Nevels,  
Travis Boyle, Mrs.  
Deborah Danner, advisor,  
Byrtina White, Danielle  
Minor, LaKeisha Adams,  
Janet Harris, Jan Brown,  
MaShandra Shelby, Ciji  
Fosselman, KaShaun  
Evans, Mamie Terrell, Eva  
Epps, Alisha McDonald,  
and Mrs. Sarah Wilkerson,  
co-advisor



### *Food Production*

Nekia Shaw, Carneka  
Evans, Michael Jones,  
Shuwanda Jordan, Alice  
Wilson, Micha Miller  
Shelia Collins, Roderick  
Reese, Markeith Jordan,  
Dejuan Dunson, Keneesha  
Washington, Chrissy  
Robinson, Shanta Davis,  
Shantena Davis, Emmit  
Ward, Corey Berry  
Keddrick Redmon, Mrs.  
Carolyn Samuel, advisor



### *Cosmetology Club*

Rashida Brown, Valeria Butler,  
Kimberly Clark, Nakaya Davis,  
Schana Dotson, Adrian Finley,  
Tristina Goodlett, Annie Grant,  
Venetria Hill, Chander Jenkins,  
Kim Johnson, Lakesh Johnson,  
Latannia Miller, Latoya Noble,  
Deidra Parker, Velina Reynolds,  
Sherry Shorter, Angenita Smith,  
April Sterling, Angela Sullivan, Cigi  
Taylor, Shequita Taylor,  
Christy Washington, Latorsha  
Wright, Chiquitta Floyd- teacher  
trainee, Mrs. Ida Thomas, advisor



### *Art Club*

Houston Perry  
Tennessee  
Williams  
Mr. Randy  
Minton,  
advisor  
Byrtina White  
LaTasha  
Lofton  
Roderick  
Brown





## *Utica Campus Gospel Choir*



**Sopranos:** Tiffany Tyler, Jessica Anderson, Janice Johnson, Samantha Jones, Peronica Jones, Antrese Berry, Josetta Moore. **Altos:** Samantha Clark, Carashia Foster, Latesha West, LaToya Price, Arian Alston, Veronica Davis. **Tenors:** Juan Camache, DeJuan Dunson, Tevin Stubbs, Daniel Griffin, Corey Monston, Daniel Powell, Sammie McGee, Jard Tinnon, Jr., Xadier Weeks, Larry Rockett, Keddrick Redmond. **Baritones/Basses:** Matthew Larry, Patrick Johnson, Donnell Williams, Houston Perry, Corey Berry, Johnthan Jackson, Valdemor Hill. Dr. Bobby Cooper, director.



## *Utica Jubilee Singers*



Members of the Utica Jubilee Singers are Jard Tinnon, Jr., Tevin Stubbs, Jr., Corey Monston, Patrick Johnson, Corey Berry, Larry Matthews, DeJuan Dunson, Daniel Powell, Valdemor Hill, Daniel Griffin, Houston Perry, and Sammie McGee, accompanist. Dr. Bobby Cooper is director.



## *Clothing Textile*



Members of the Clothing Textile Club are Serena McDonald, Gertrude Chatman, Sandra Walls, and Samanda Troy. The advisor is Mrs. Verlene Redfield.



*Miss Clothing Textile  
Miss Tee Bingham*



## *Modeling Club*



Modeling Club: Shameka Turner, Andrea Ruffin, Serena McDonald, Erica Williams, Julia Green, Tee Bingham, Gertrude Chatman, Samanda Troy, Santrila Epps, Mrs. Evans, Ashley Thomas, and Sandra Walls. The advisor is Mrs. Verlene Redfield.



*Miss Modeling  
Shameka Turner*





*Miss Student Support  
Services- Antrese Berry*

## *Student Support Services*



Student Support Services members: Jessica Davenport, Roland Christian, Jolena Gray, Isaac Williams, Twanika Sojourner, Charlene Williams, Antrese Berry, Jesmeber Ralson, Gemario Brooks, Laquanda Johnson, Chandra Dean, Laura Watson, Muhammad Newton, Markeeta Carson, Byrtina White, Nikki Daggins, Danielle Durr, and Karen Williams. The advisors are Mrs. Maude Jordan and Mrs. Sylvia Walker.





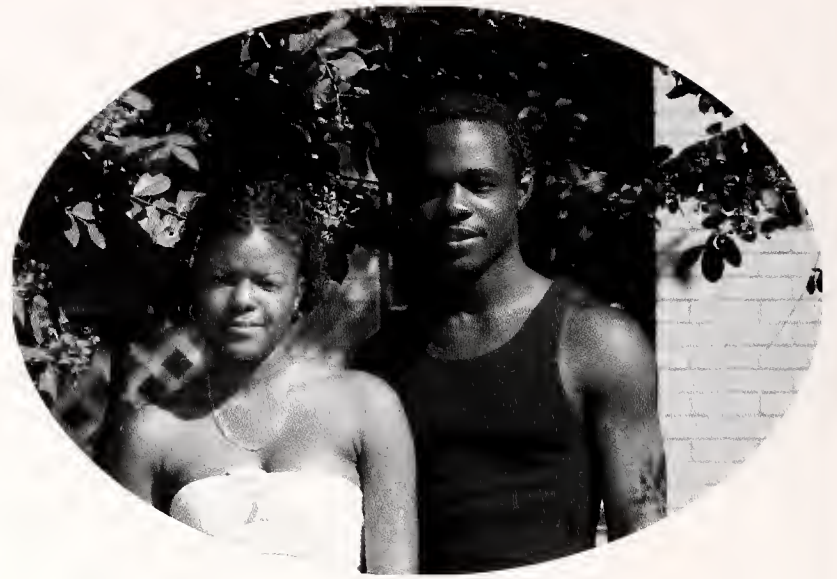
*Mr. & Miss Usher  
Stephen Smith & Tarita  
Edwards*

## *Usher Club*



Usher Club members: Jessica Davenport, Terrance Crump, Eric Williams, Tarita Edwards, Thomas Ward, Tyrone Ferrell, Arinell White, Danielle Durr, James Haley, Jr., Antoinette Davis, Andrea Johnson, Keneesha Washington, Andrianne Jenkins, LaTonya Moore, and Lance Earnest. The advisors are Mrs. Monocia Connors and Mrs. Chris Watkins.





## *United Campus Ministry*

*Mr. & Miss United  
Campus Ministry  
Daniel Griffin & Janice  
Johnson*



United Campus Ministry members: Peronica Jones, Daniel Powell, Latoya Price, Tevin Stubbs, Larry Rockett, Jalon McGee, Patrick Johnson, Carlos Williams, Chandra Dear, Janice Johnson, Tiffany Tyler, Rolanel Christia, Andrianne Jenkins, Byrtina White, and Daniel Griffin. The advisors are Dr. Bobby Cooper, Mrs. Carolyn Samuel, and Mrs. Amanda Hubbard.





*Mr. & Miss VICA- Shaka  
Zulu and Tonya Fitzgerald*

## Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA)



Front from left: Michael Gilmore and Chander Jenkins. Second row from left: Larry Whitfield, Michael Jones, and Mr. Freddie Edwards, advisor. Back row from left: Mrs. Chris Tanner-Watkins, advisor, Shaka Zulu, Roderick Daniel and Tonya Fitzgerald.





*Miss Sociology  
Shanute Pendleton*

## *Sociology Club*



Sociology Club members: Alice Wilson, president; Emmitt Ward, vice president; Michael Miller, secretary; Shanute Pendleton, treasurer; LaTonya Moore, reporter. The advisor is Mr. Floyd Tate.





*Miss Esquirette  
Twyla Johnson*

## *Esquirette Club*



Esquirette Club member: Twanna Byther, Twyla Johnson, Kashun Evans, Carneka Evans, Shawanna Jordan, Krystal Manson, Nekia Shaw, Shantena Davis, Shanta Davis, Natalja Stewart, Armelia Holmes, Timeka Wright, Jan Brown, Janet Harris, Tarita Edwards, and Ophelia Thornton. The advisor is Mrs. Sharon Kimble.





## *Utica Connection*

*Mr. & Miss Utica  
Connection - Patrick  
Bernard & LaToya  
Martin*



Utica Connection members: Brinisha Price, Marquita Hall, Twani Harris, Jennifer Rabon, Mamie Terrell, Chandra Dear, LaToya Martin, Patrick Bernard, and Courtney Smith. The advisors are Mr. Charles Bell and Mr. Deyed Darbandi.





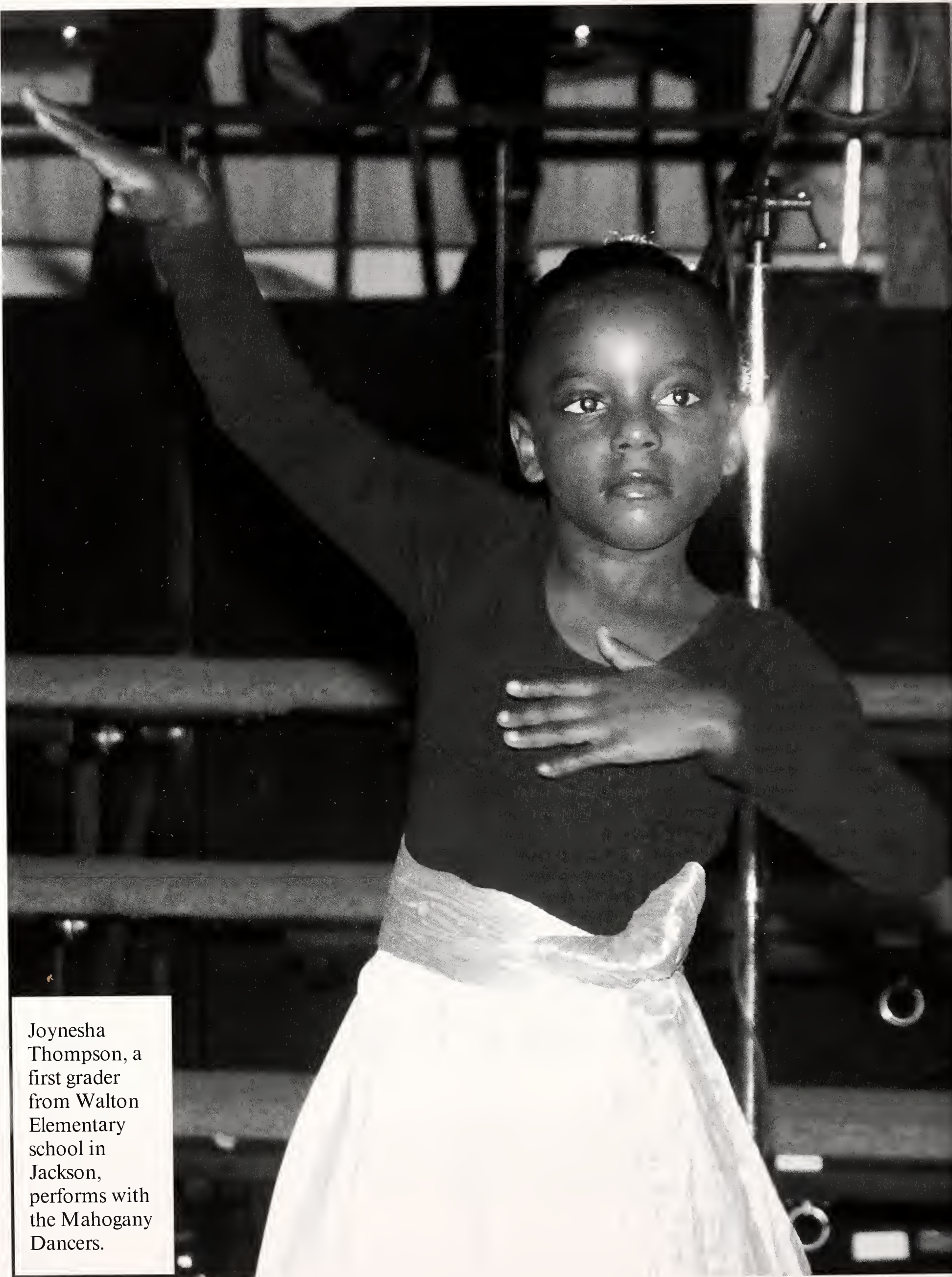
*Mr. & Miss AQPi  
Daryl Quinn & Ashlie  
Pollard*

## *AQPi*



AQPi members: Latoya Martin, Twani Harris, Brinisha Price, LaToya Bishop, vice president, Ashlie Pollard, Victoria Harris, Laura Wilson, Thomas Ward, president, Daryl Quinn, James Hales, Andrea Johnson, secretary, Adrienne Jenkins, treasurer, Johnathan Thomas, Donnell Stewart, Justin Fleming, Charnell Riles, and O'Keyin Riles. The advisor is Mr. Charles Bell.





Joynesha Thompson, a first grader from Walton Elementary school in Jackson, performs with the Mahogany Dancers.



# Events

"When you really want love, you will find it waiting for you."

In man's reach to attain the best that life has to offer, certain events must take place. Whether he walks the path alone or encounters friends along the way, his destiny rests with his desire.

*Opportunity Plus Desire...*

*Priceless!*

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner was held Sunday, November 23, 2003. Rev. John Cornelius delivered the keynote address.



The annual Teacher Education Conference was held Friday, November 14, 2003. JPS Superintendent, Dr. Earl Watkins, was keynoter.



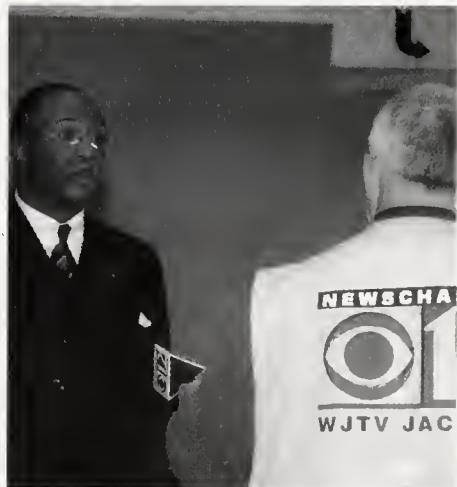
The annual Christmas Choir Concert was held Tuesday, December 9, 2003, in the William H. Holtzclaw Library.



Mr. Ronnie Agnew, Clarion Ledger executive editor, delivered the keynote address at the Black History Program on Feb. 4, 2004.



Dr. James Davis, pastor of Big Bethel AME Church in Atlanta, GA., was the keynoter at the program celebrating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Jan. 15, 2004.





# Thanksgiving Dinner

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner was held Sunday, November 23, 2003, at 3PM in the J. D. Boyd Gymnasium. Rev. John Cornelius, Pastor of Pratt Memorial United Methodist Church in Jackson, delivered the keynote address. Dr. George Barnes, Utica Campus vice president, left, recognized the guests and offered remarks. Other program participants included Dr. Bobby Cooper and the Utica Campus Choir, music; Rev. Rob Hill, pastor of Utica United Methodist Church, grace and benediction; Mrs. Magdalene Johnson, Hinds AHS home economics instructor, occasion; Mrs. Barbara Stokes, Utica Campus English instructor, introduction of guest speaker; and Dr. Shirley Davis, program presider.

Mr. Charles Bell serves as chairperson of the Thanksgiving committee. Mrs. Carolyn Samual is vice chairperson.



The Utica Campus Choir, under the direction of Dr. Bobby Cooper, performed several selections during the program.



Above: Dr. Shirley Davis, Title III Coordinator, served as presiding officer of the Thanksgiving program.





Left: Rev. John Cornelius, pastor of Pratt Memorial United Methodist Church in Jackson, delivered a message befitting the occasion and centered around the theme, "Together, Let's Be Thankful."

Right: Mrs. Barbara Stokes, Utica Campus English instructor, introduced the guest speaker, Rev. John Cornelius.



Below: TaShauna Jones, Utica Campus alumnae, were among the guests in attendance at the Thanksgiving Dinner.

Below: Hinds AHS Home Economics Instructor, Mrs. Magdalene Johnson, presented the occasion.



Left: Several hundred community supporters, Utica Campus employees, and HCC employees from other locations attended the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Valley Innovative Services, under the leadership of Mrs. Lula Metzger, provided the meal.



Above: Dr. Clyde Muse, HCC President, offers remarks and recognizes special guests. Far left: Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Madelyn Bell participate in the congregational hymn, "We Gather Together."



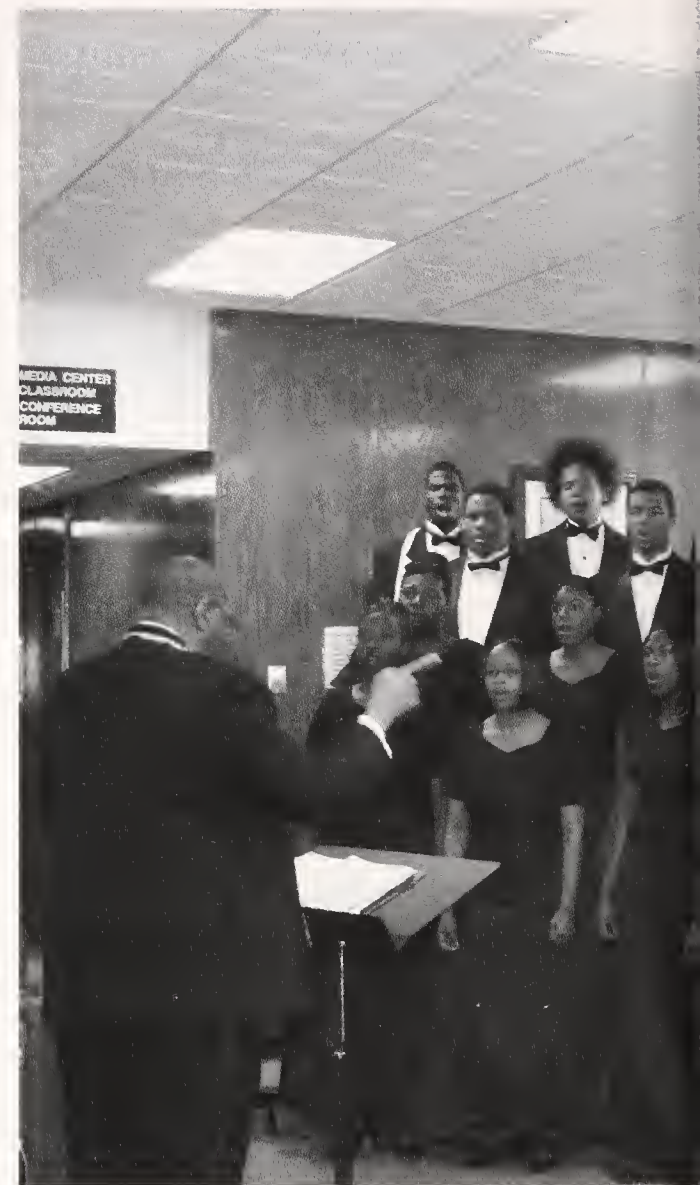
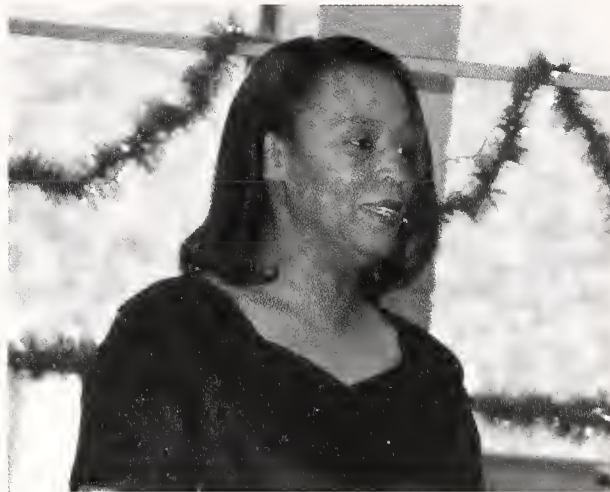


# Christmas Choir Concert

The Music Department sponsored its annual Christmas Choir Concert on Tuesday, December 9, 2003. The concert was held in the William H. Holtzclaw Library at 11:20 a. m. The conductor of the concert was Dr. Bobby Cooper who serves as choir director and chairman of the Humanities Division. Ms. Judy Walker served as accompanist for the concert.

Pictured, top: Mrs. Carolyn Addison, contralto soloist, sings "Sweet Little Jesus Boy." Mrs. Addison also serves as Utica Campus and Hinds AHS music instructor.

Pictured right: Daniel Powell, student gospel choir director, dramatically leads the choir members from one scale to another.



Dr. Bobby Cooper directed the Jubilee Singers in their performance. The Jubilee Singers performed four selections. The songs were "Away In a Manger" by Alice Jordon, "The Salvation Is Created" by Paul Tschesnoff, "Amen" by Jester Hariston featuring Tevin Stubbs, tenor, and "De Mornin' Come" arranged by Wenedell Whalum featuring Matthew Larry, baritone. The Jubilee Singers were accompanied by Ms. Judy Walker.



Carisha Foster, soloist, performs "It's My Time." The picture inset is Foster's high school choir director from Greenville Western High School (Mrs. Jones brought two bus loads of choir members from Greenville to the concert).

Right: Sammie McGee, a sophomore music major from Collins, served as accompanist for the concert choir.

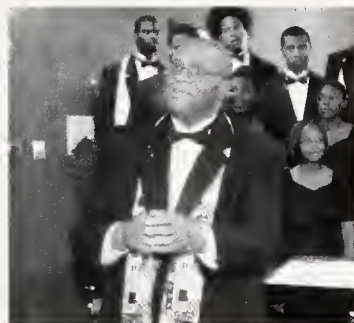




Houston Perry, a sophomore music major from Jackson, performed "The People that Walked in Darkness" from Handel's Messiah.



Arean Alston, a sophomore music major from Memphis, Tennessee, served as accompanist for the gospel choir.



Dr. Bobby Cooper introduced the choir and Jubilee Singers and thanked the audience for their support.

Antonio Chambers, guest percussionist and former choir member, accompanied the choir and Jubilee Singers. Chambers, 1999 Mr. Utica Campus, now teaches at Wilkins Elementary School in Jackson.



Jimmie Lewis, former choir member and guest soloist, performed with the choir. One of his renditions was "Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child."





Left: Mrs. Darlene Emerson, postmistress, and Mrs. Maude Walker, bookstore manager, share in honoring their supervisor, Mr. Charles Bell.

Above: Mr. James Jordan, retired social studies instructor and presiding officer, kept the audience alert and in laughter with his humor.

Right: Ms. Mirriam Torrey, duplicating manager, and Mrs. Erica Petrus, administrative assistant, share in the celebration. They both are IAAP members.



***The Utica Magnolia Chapter (UMC) of IAAP chose as the theme for the 2003 Boss Day Program, "Will The Real Bosses, Please Stand Up."***





The International Association of Administrative Professionals recognized their bosses in a special luncheon. Ms. Jackie Braggs and Mrs. Lillian Grigsby, UMC President and Vice President, offered greetings and invocation, respectively. Mr. James Jordan, retired social studies instructor, served as program president.

Above: Bosses are presented gifts. Mrs. Ellestene Turner, registrar, chats with IAAP member, Mrs. Lois Barnes, standing. Seated with Turner is, left, Mrs. Doris McClure, Title III administrative assistant, and Mrs. Gwen Strong, registrar administrative assistant.



Dr. Mae Jackson, Natural Science Division chair, delights in the gesture of kindness of the IAAP members and the humor of the presiding officer, Mr. James Jordan.



Mrs. Chris Tanner-Watkins, special populations instructor, assists in presenting gifts. Dr. Eugene Gaston, Dean of Instruction, receives a gift as Mr. Tim Rush, Dean of Students, looks on.

## ***Boss Day Appreciation Program***

***Boss Day Program and Luncheon  
October 15, 2003  
Ples McCadney Building  
Room 206***

### ***Honorees***

***Mr. Bruce Baker  
Dr. George Barnes  
Mr. Charles Bell  
Ms. Tiffany Chanay  
Dr. Shirley Davis  
Dr. Eugene Gaston  
Ms. Jean Greene  
Dr. Eldridge Henderson  
Mr. Joe Huffman  
Dr. Mae C. Jackson  
Ms. Maudie Jordan  
Dr. Jesse Killingsworth  
Mr. Bobby Pamplin  
Dr. Priscilla Robinson  
Mr. Timothy Rush  
Mr. Robert Strong  
Mrs. Ellestene Turner***



The celebration began for Dr. Davis with the arrival of a limousine in front of her house to take her to...well - some place unknown.

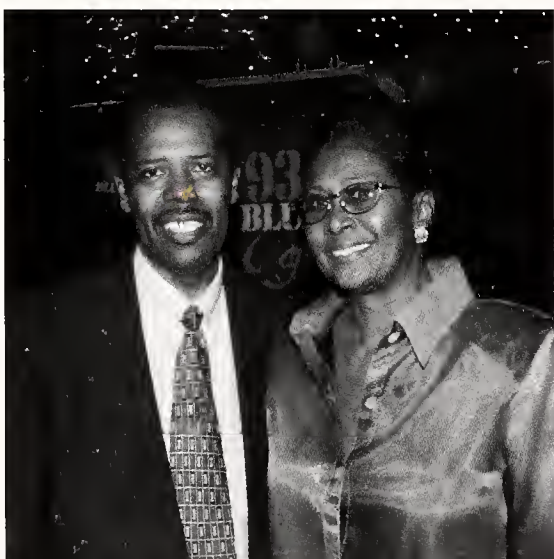


Dr. Davis prides herself on being knowledgeable of whatever is going on. However, this event was one that completely took her by surprise!

### *Dr. Shirley Marie Diggs Hopkins-Davis 1973-2003*



Eloquently saluting Dr. Davis on her retirement were Dr. Eugene Gaston, dean of instruction, right, and Mr. Tim Rush, dean of students.



Mr. and Dr. Sam and Shirley Davis take a moment to pose for the photographer.

A group of friends of Dr. Shirley Hopkins- Davis planned a surprise party to celebrate her 30 years of service to the Utica Campus of Hinds Community College.

Invitations were extended to former colleagues, her church family, and friends, along with community members and leaders. The celebration entitled *'A Gathering of Friends'* was held Friday, December 12, 2003, at 6 PM at the **930 Blues Cafe'** located at 930 North Congress Street in downtown Jackson.



Pictured are some of Dr. Davis' church members from Pearl Street AME in Jackson

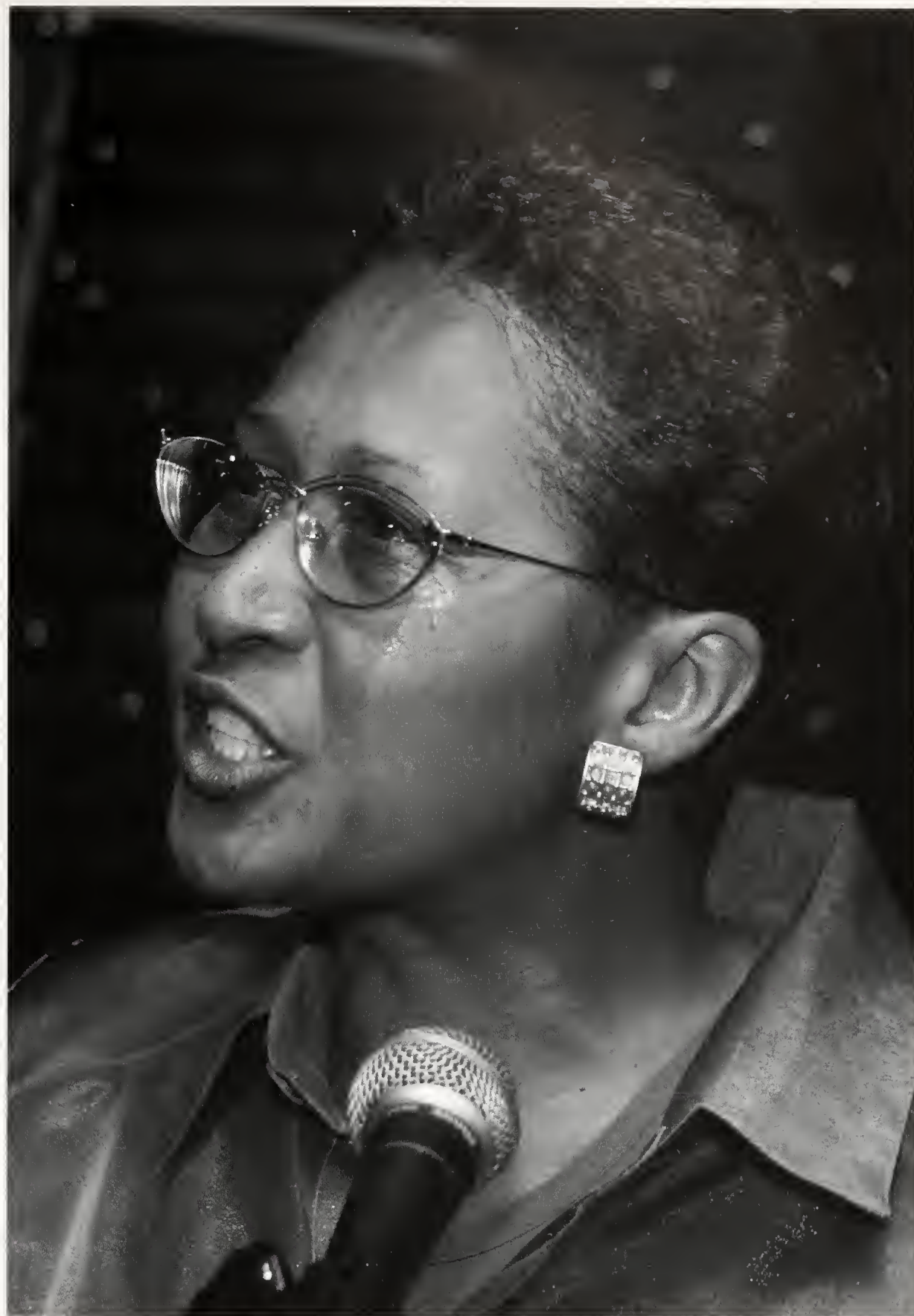


State Representative Mary Coleman presented Dr. Davis a proclamation from Governor Ronnie Musgrove proclaiming December 12 as Dr. Shirley Hopkins-Davis Day in the state of MS. Coleman also presented Davis a proclamation from Congressman Bennie Thompson.

Below: Ms. Jean Green presided over the program and served as one of the program's coordinators.



Far right: The elation and joy were too much for Dr. Davis to contain. Nonetheless, the grandiosity of her speech was sublime.



## 'A Gathering of Friends'



Left: Dr. Jackson, friend of Dr. Davis, jokes of having pulled off the surprise celebration. Below: Dr. Davis is pictured with State Representative Mary Coleman.



Pictured congratulating Dr. Davis are former husband, Clarence, Dr. Bobby Cooper, and a community friend.

"I was so in awe upon entry into the 930 Blues Cafe! The evening was simply wonderful. I don't think I've ever enjoyed anything any more than I enjoyed my retirement reception Friday, December 12, 2003. I thank each of you for contributing to the creation of this beautiful memory for me. Everything was perfect because many of you were there. To those of you who could not be there but contributed in any way to the success of it, I want you to know that the evening was marvelous! It began with my chariot awaiting in the form of a white limousine. The surprise continued throughout the evening. You write the ending! I will be eternally grateful to each of you for the love shown at my retirement. I have enjoyed every day of work at Utica and with Hinds. I regret nothing! Again, thanks a whole BUNCH!"  
Shirley Marie Diggs Hopkins-Davis  
1973-2003 30 years



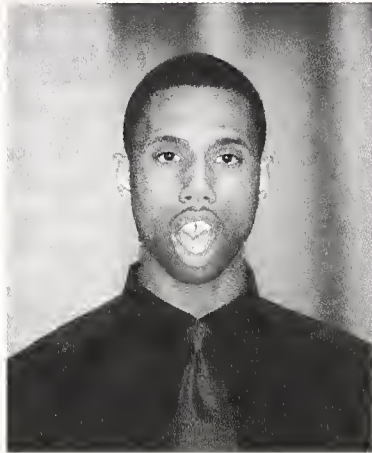
Pictured with the honoree are, from left, glamour girls Ms. Jean Greene, Mrs. Tiffany Chanay, Dr. Mac C. Jackson, Mrs. Doris McClure, and Dr. Priscilla Robinson. This group of ladies planned the celebration.



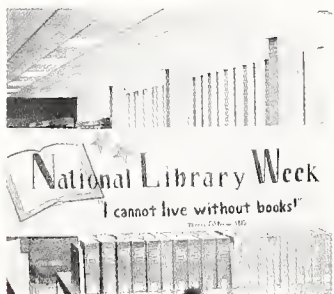
Bridgewater student discusses the child care program in her country as Mrs. LaKetha Berry, Utica child care instructor, looks on.



Ronald Hicks, music major, sings a solo during one of the programs held during National Library Week.



## *National Library Week*



The William H. Holtzclaw Library kicked off National Library Week 2003 with a Cultural Exchange Program. Bridgewater, England students and staff visited the College and shared the similarities of their school life with those of the Utica Campus and Hinds AHS.

The faculty and students of Hinds AHS and the Utica Campus welcomed the Bridgewater College students and staff and shared educational experiences.



The Bridgewater College students soon realized the many similarities of the schools in their country and the United States. There were many fun and exciting moments.

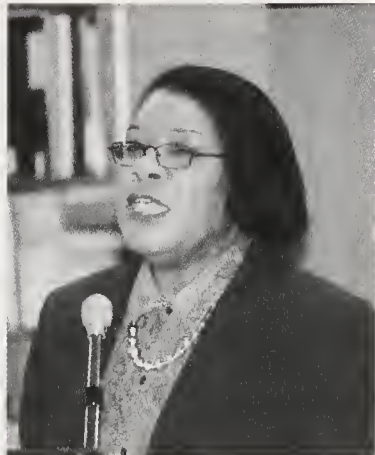
The Cultural Exchange Program was a Phi Theta Kappa activity. The Bridgewater group was hosted by the Phi Theta Kappa Honorary Society from the Raymond Campus under the leadership of Kristi Sather-Smith.



The Cultural Exchange Group from Bridgewater, England



Mr. and Miss Utica Campus, Cordel Wren and Monica Lacey, welcome the students to the Utica Campus



Author, Betty Jackson Kelly, discussed her book, **The Day After Tomorrow**, and shared her writing experience during National Library Week. Jackson is a native of Fayette.



## *Reading Is Fundamental*



Honor student LaTonya Moore speaks to the Bridgewater guests about extra curricula activities. She was editor of both the college yearbook and newspaper staffs, Phi Theta kappa, the Education Club, Usher Club, and many others.

Librarian, Mrs. Esther Owens, leads the Freddie Jackson Child Care students in a Balloon Parade to kick-off the annual Child Care Conference.



Mrs. Jean Greene, director of Library Services, welcomes each group during the week-long celebration of activities which were held in the William H. Holtzclaw library. Greene served as hostess of each activity.

*"National Library Week is always one of excitement and fun," says Ms. Jean Greene, director of Library Services.*

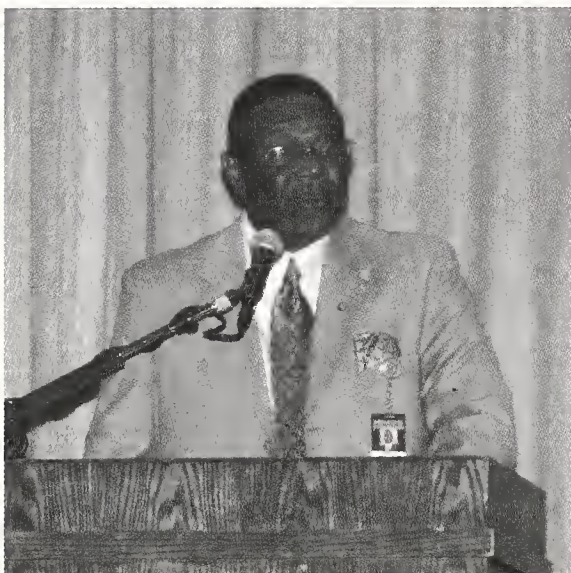


The Mahogany Dancers performed a routine during one of the programs held during National Library Week. The Mahogany Dancers are under the leadership of Mrs. Esther Owens, librarian.



Pictured with Mr. Ronnie Agnew, center, keynote speaker and Clarion Ledger executive editor, are, from left, Dr. Jesse Killingsworth, program presider; Mrs. Jean Greene, committee member; Mrs. Maudie Jordan, chairperson; and Dr. George Barnes, Utica Campus vice president.

Below: Dr. Jesse Killingsworth, program presider, gives the order of the program.



Above: Mr. Ronnie Agnew, center, keynote speaker, chats with Dr. Jesse Killingsworth, program presider, and Dr. George Barnes, Utica Campus vice president following the program.

Above left: The Utica Campus Choir and Jubilee Singers entertain the audience with two selections. The Choir and Jubilee Singers are under the direction of Dr. Bobby Cooper.

Right: The audience participate in singing the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," written by James Weldon Johnson.







# Black History Month

## "Before Brown, Beyond Boundaries: 50th Anniversary of Brown vs Topeka Board of Education"

The achievements of African Americans are too monumental to be recognized in such a minimal span of just one month. None the less, throughout the United States, the month of February is set aside in recognition of African American achievement. The Utica Campus Black History Month committee planned, as one of many events during that celebration, a general assembly.

The program was held Wednesday, February 4, 2004, with Mr. Ronnie Agnew, executive editor of the Clarion Ledger Newspaper, as keynoter. Other program participants included Brandon Cooley, Mr. Utica Campus, invocation; The Utica Campus Choir and Jubilee Singers under the direction of Dr. Bobby Cooper, musical selections; LaTarius Hicks, Miss Hinds AHS, the occasion; The Mahogany Dancers under the direction of Mrs. Esther Owens, a dance; Mrs. Jean Greene, director of library resources, poetry reading; and Dr. George Barnes, Utica Campus vice president, introduction of speaker and remarks. Dr. Jesse Killingsworth, dean of Career and Technical programs, served as program presider.

### Committee members

Mrs. Maudie Jordan, chairperson  
 Ms. Rosetta Young, secretary  
 Mrs. Doris McClure, secretary  
 Mrs. Tiffany Chanay  
 Mrs. Jean Greene  
 Mrs. Sharon Kimble  
 Mrs. Gwendolyn Strong  
 Mr. Floyd Tate  
 Mrs. Sylvia Walker  
 Miss LaTonya Thomas  
 Mr. Brandon Cooley



Left: Mr. Ronnie Agnew, executive editor of the Clarion Ledger Newspaper, delivered the keynote address during Black History Month. Mr. Agnew serves as the first African-American editor of the state's largest newspaper.

Above left: The Mahogany Dancers performed in celebration of Black History Month. The Dancers range from elementary to high school students. Mrs. Esther Owens, Utica Campus librarian, is choreographer of the Dancers.



Right: Pictured with keynote speaker, Dr. James L. Davis, third from left, are, from left, Mrs. Maudie Jordan, committee chairperson; Dr. Shirley Davis, co-chairperson; and Dr. George Barnes, Utica Campus vice president.

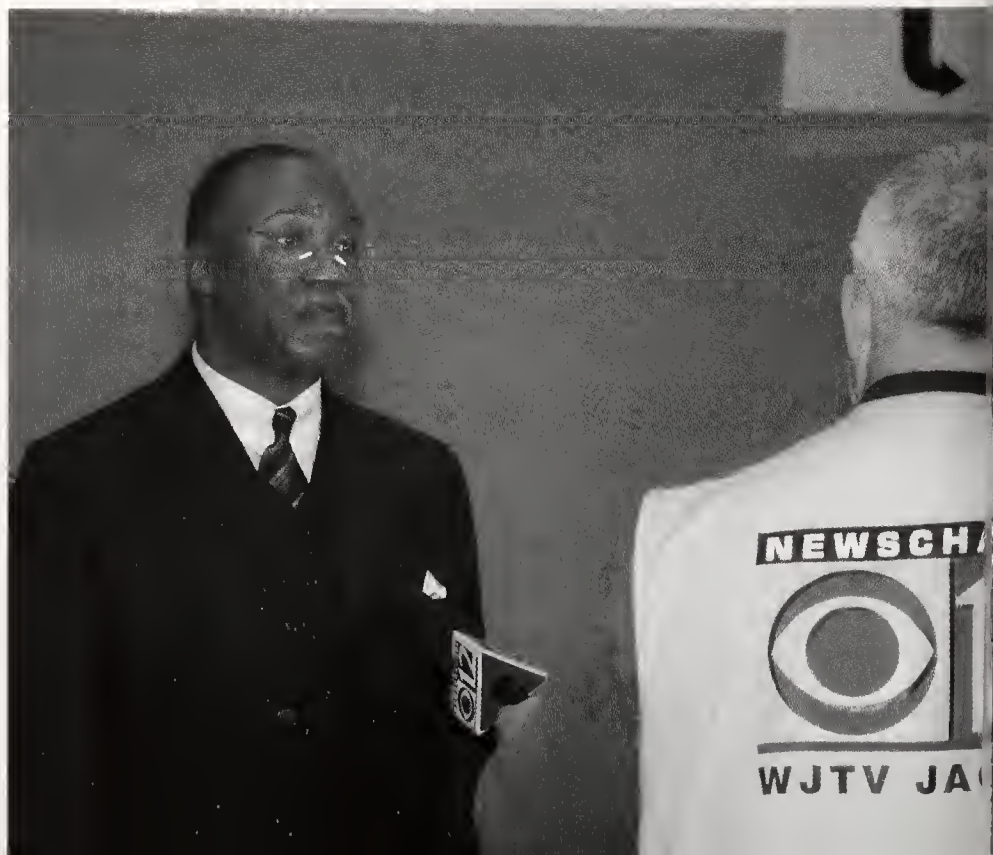
Below: Mrs. Sharon Kimble, program presider, announced the order of the program.



Above: Dr. Davis captivated the attention of the audience from the beginning of his message and kept the stadium filled crowd mesmerized until the end. Throughout Dr. Davis' message it seemed there were no highs and lows. There was a continuous high and the audience signified it with silence and occasional thundering applause.

Above right: The Utica Campus Choir and Jubilee Singers performed two selections entitled, "Wonderful" and "Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name." The Choir and Jubilee Singers are under the direction of Dr. Bobby Cooper.

Right: After the program, Dr. Davis was interviewed by WJTV newschannel 12.







# Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday Celebration

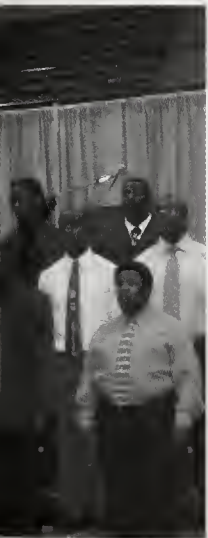
"Before Brown, Beyond Boundaries: 50th anniversary  
of Brown vs Topeka Board of Education"

The achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. are to be admired by any individual with a zeal for justice and a love for humanity. The birthday of this great "drum major for justice" is recognized as a national holiday throughout the United States. The Utica Campus Black History Month committee planned a celebration of Dr. King's birthday with a general assembly in his honor.

Dr. James L. Davis, pastor of Big Bethel AME Church in Atlanta, Georgia, delivered the keynote address. The program was held Thursday, January 15, 2004, in the J.D. Boyd Gymnasium. The program included a solo, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," with Ronald Hicks, a music major, leading, and the audience participating; a scripture by Jasmeila Jackson, Mr. Hinds AHS; a prayer by Brandon Cooley, Mr. Utica Campus; two musical selections by the Choir and Jubilee Singers under the direction of Dr. Bobby Cooper; the occasion by LaTonya Thomas, Miss Utica Campus; and introduction of speaker and remarks by Dr. George Barnes, Utica Campus vice president. Mrs. Sharon Kimble served as program presider.

## Committee members

Mrs. Maudie  
Jordan, chairperson  
Ms. Rosetta  
Young, secretary  
Mrs. Doris  
McClure, secretary  
Mrs. Tiffany  
Chanay  
Mrs. Jean Greene  
Mrs. Sharon  
Kimble  
Mrs. Gwendolyn  
Strong  
Mr. Floyd Tate  
Mrs. Sylvia Walker  
Miss LaTonya  
Thomas  
Mr. Brandon  
Cooley



Above left: The audience participated in singing the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," written by James Weldon Johnson.

Above left: LaTonya Thomas, Miss Utica Campus, gave the occasion.

Above: Ronald Hicks, a sophomore music major, led the audience in singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Left: The audience was adjoined.



# Senior Day



Students in the Auto Body and Collision Repair Program man their display.



The Teacher Education Department exhibits their program.



The Media Technology Department represents during Senior Day.



The audience is greeted by various administrators, graduates, and student leaders.

Several hundred high school seniors from the District's five counties visit the Utica Campus for Senior Day. The students are given a tour of the Campus, receive assistance in completing documents needed for enrollment such as financial aid and housing forms, and the students visit with the different departments in which they have a particular interest.

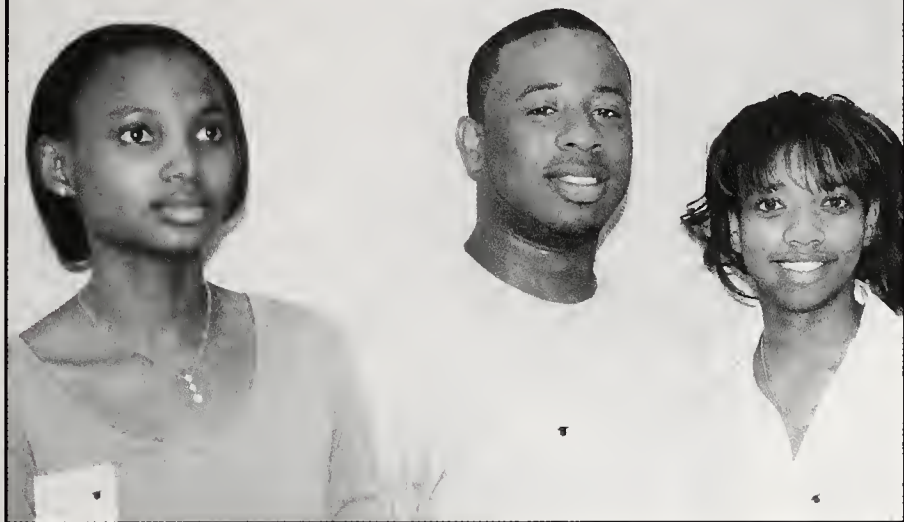


Featured are the Division of Natural Sciences, Food Services, and the Barbering Department. During Senior Day, some of the Barbering students demonstrate various cuts and styles to sell their program.

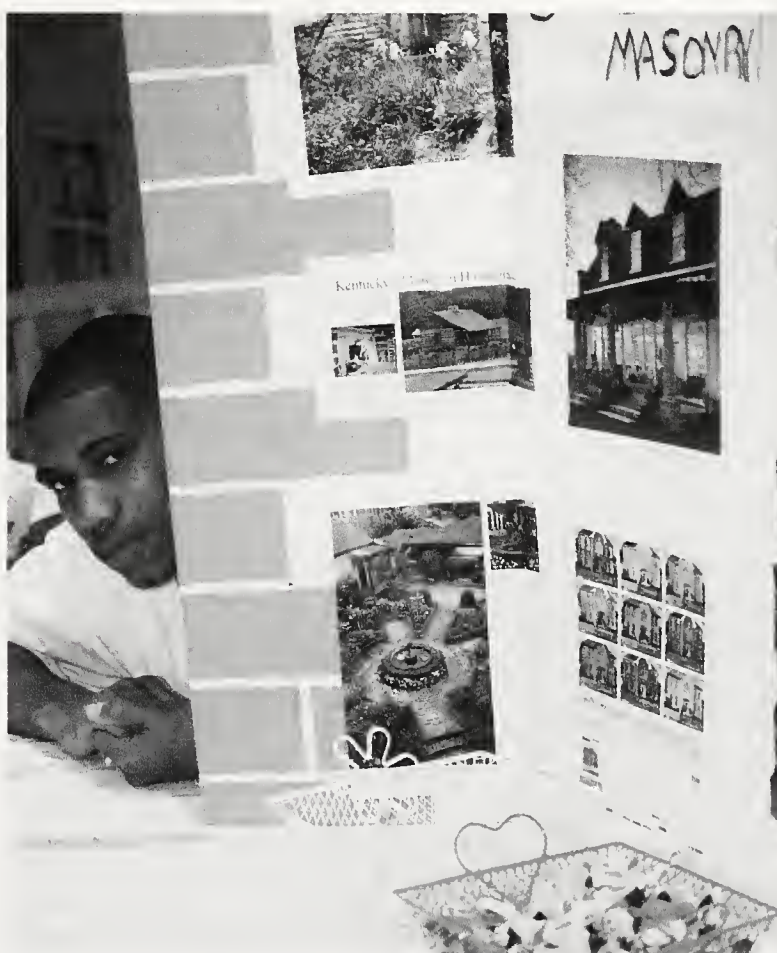




# ATURAL SCIENCE DIVISION



Student Government representative and honor student, LaTonya Moore, greets the students with an overview of the Campus and what to expects as a student.



The Career Programs were well represented during Senior Day activities. Each program displayed works of their skills which were done in the classrooms.





The Building Construction class participated in the construction of floats for the Homecoming Parade held October 17.



# Features

A man's value can always be found within

*Knowing Thyself...*

*Priceless!*

History Instructor Sharon Kimble is scheduled to travel to South Africa with Oprah Winfrey.



Seated at the head table during the Coronation Ball Ceremony were administrators from the College and High School.



Jacqueline Erinne is one of eight students selected as Who's Who Among Students In American Community and Junior Colleges.



The Student Government Organization serves as liaison between the students and the administration



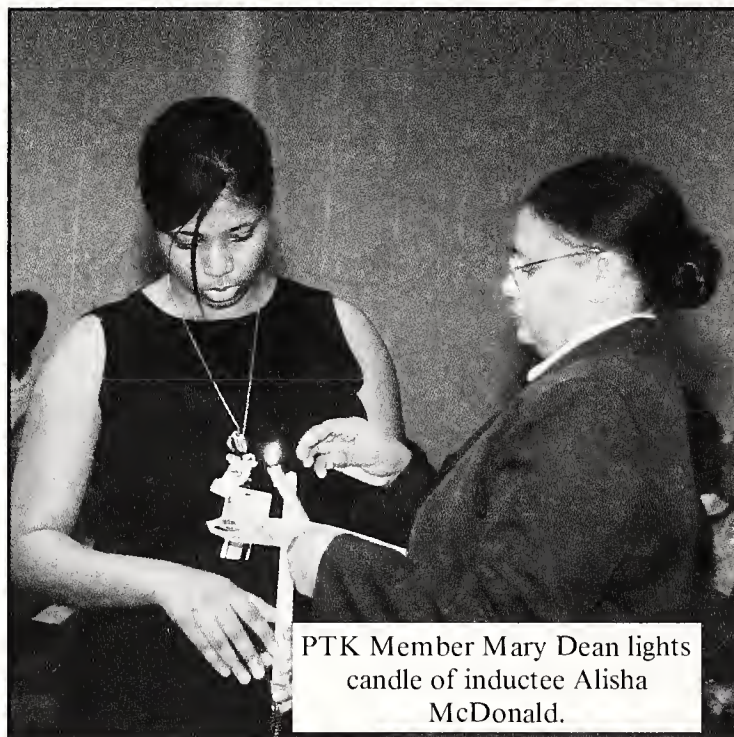
Jefferson High School from Fayette was among many marching bands to participate in the Homecoming Parade.



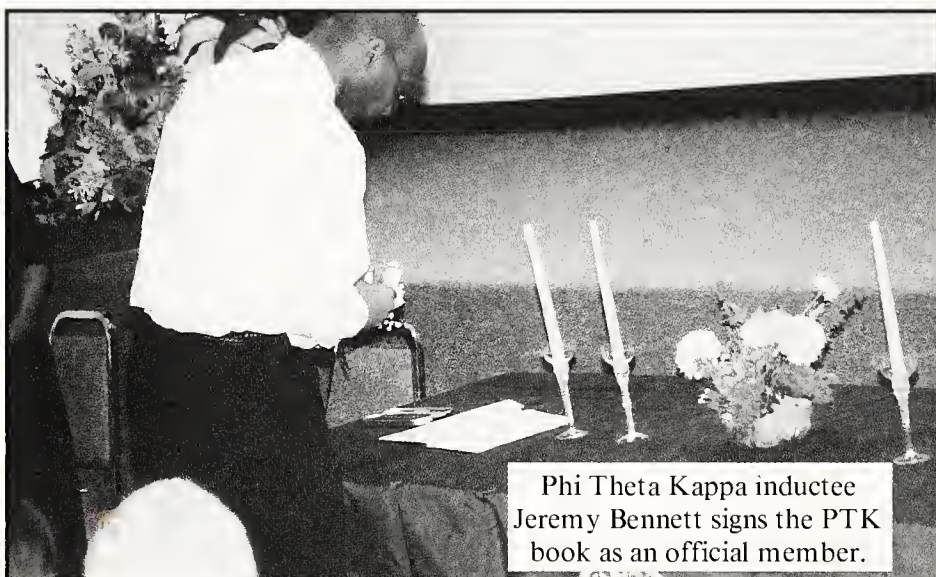




Utica Campus Vice President  
Dr. George Barnes provided  
opening remarks.



PTK Member Mary Dean lights  
candle of inductee Alisha  
McDonald.



Phi Theta Kappa inductee  
Jeremy Bennett signs the PTK  
book as an official member.



The Alpha Beta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa held its Spring induction ceremony in February. Five new members were inducted. They were Alisha McDonald, Suzette Lewis, Jason Nevels, LaTonya Moore, and Jeremy Bennett. Phi

## Phi Theta Kappa Induction

Theta Kappa members who assisted in the ceremony were Shirley Broom, Jacquelyn Erinne, Kassandra Henderson, and Mary Dean. Other program participants included Chiquita Collier, poetry reading; a speech and invocation, Mary Dean; occasion, Mrs. Ammie McCurley, PTK advisor; recognition of guests, Mrs. Barbara Stokes, PTK advisor; and closing remarks, Mr. Tim Rush, dean of students.

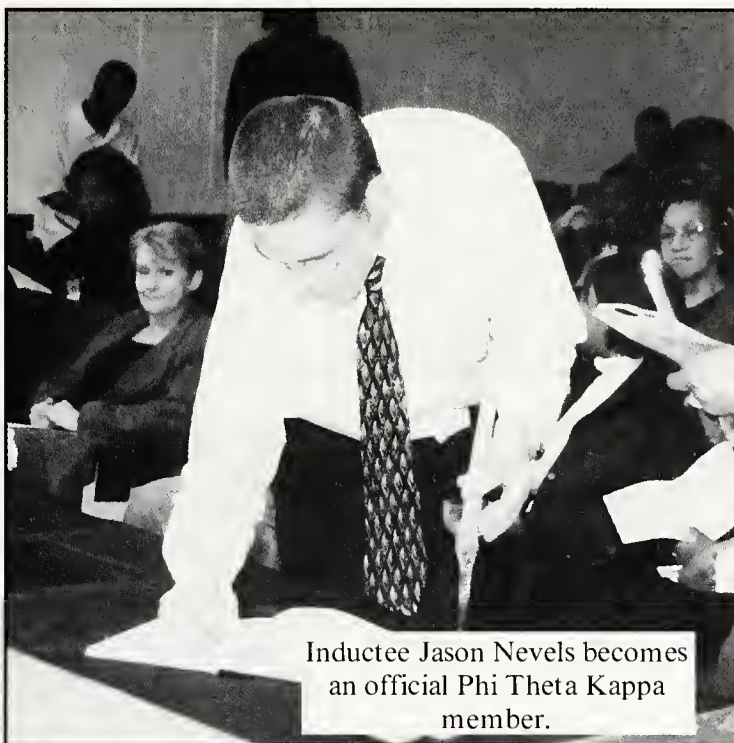




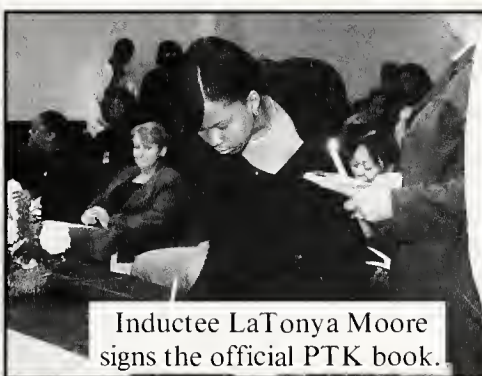
PTK member Mary Dean presents the inductees a flower.



Phi Theta Kapp members are pictured with advisors, Dr. Gloria Daniels, seated left, and Mrs. Barbara Stokes, seated right.



Inductee Jason Nevels becomes an official Phi Theta Kappa member.



Inductee LaTonya Moore signs the official PTK book.

Phi Theta Kappa was established in 1918 by the presidents of the Missouri Junior College for Women. It is the only internationally acclaimed honor society serving two-year institutions which offer associate degree programs. Two year college presidents and administrators of associate degree programs of four year schools have continually recognized membership in PTK as an honor and privilege. Membership is given added significance by the fact that the Society is recognized by the American Association of Community Colleges as the official honor society for two-year colleges. The purpose of PTK shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, PTK shall provide opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing excellence.



## Mr. & Miss Utica Campus Brandon Cooley & LaTonya Thomas

Cooley and Thomas salute each other before going to the stage to be officially crowned Mr. and Miss Utica Campus 2004.



**B**randon Cooley is a sophomore Barbering major from Greenwood Mississippi.

Cooley is a member of the New Foundation Missionary Baptist Church and an honor graduate of Provine High School where he participated in a variety of clubs and organizations. In high school, he was elected Mr. Freshman and Senior Mr. Beau. He enjoys playing basketball, fishing, barbering, and listening to music. Cooley is a member of the Barbering and Leadership clubs. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James and Debra Dodd.

Thomas is a sophomore general education major from Jackson. She is an honor graduate from Provine High School where she served as co-captain of the 4-A State Champion Lady Rams basketball team. Thomas served as vice president of the freshman class and was elected Miss Freshman 2003. Presently, Thomas is a member of the United Campus Ministries, Peer mentoring, Education and Drama clubs, Who's Who Among College Students, captain of the Lady Bulldogs basketball team, and others. She is the daughter of Mr. Frank Boston and Ms. Mary Thomas.

A winning smile



During the Homecoming game between Hinds AHS and McLaurin High School, the kings and queens pose for the camera.







Miss Utica Campus, LaTonya Thomas, smile to the audience after her official crowning by Utica Campus vice president Dr. George Barnes.

Utica Campus Vice President, Dr. George Barnes, prepares to crown Mr. and Miss Utica Campus 2003-2004.



Pictured above: Mr. and Miss Utica Campus lead the Homecoming Parade in downtown Utica.

Pictured left: Dean of Instruction, Dr. Eugene Gaston, presents the king and queen with gifts.

Pictured above: King Cooley and Queen Thomas take their royal stroll to the stage to receive their crown. Cooley and Thomas were elected by the student body as Mr. and Miss Utica Campus in April 2003. The ceremony of their official crowning is held each year during the Homecoming festivities held in October.





## Who's Who Among Students



LaTonya Moore



Josetta Moore



LaTonya Thomas



Luvenia Jordan



Byrtina White



Kassandra Henderson

*21st Century Role Models...*



# In American Community Colleges



Jacqueline Erinne



Timeka Wright

Students selected as Who's Who Among Students In American Community Colleges have been chosen based on their academic achievement, community service, leadership in extra curricular activities, and potential for continued success. They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1400 institutions of higher education in all fifty states and several foreign nations.

## Student Government Organization



The Utica Campus Student Government Organization is the key student organization. Its purposes are to promote the general welfare of the college, to provide active participation in student matters and activities, and to actively train participants for leadership positions. Representatives plan and coordinate student activities. Members are Kassandra Henderson, president; Terrance Crump, vice president; and Suzette Lewis. Mr Charles Bell is advisor.

*Priceless!*



Mr. & Miss Freshman  
Thomas Ward & Andrea Johnson

These students were chosen to represent the freshman class by their peers.





Mr. & Miss Sophomore  
Arinell White & LaToya Moore

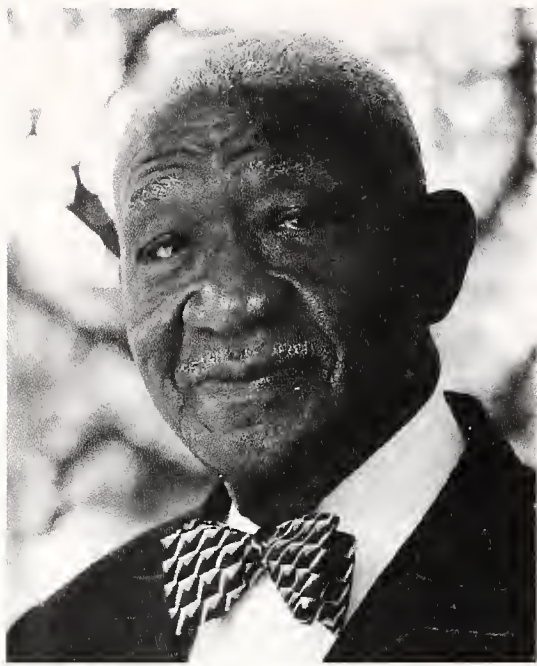


Arinell White is a business education major from Jackson. He is a member of the Usher and Computer Science clubs. White is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arinell and Carmencita White.

LaToya Moore is a nursing major from Edwards. She is a member of the Usher and Esquirette clubs. Moore is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter and Francis Thomas.



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Mr. Jobie Martin  
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Dr. Cardell Williams  
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Dr. James McCullouch  
Hinds County



Dr. Ginger Smith  
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Mr. Dale Sullivan  
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Mr. D. G. Fountain, Jr.  
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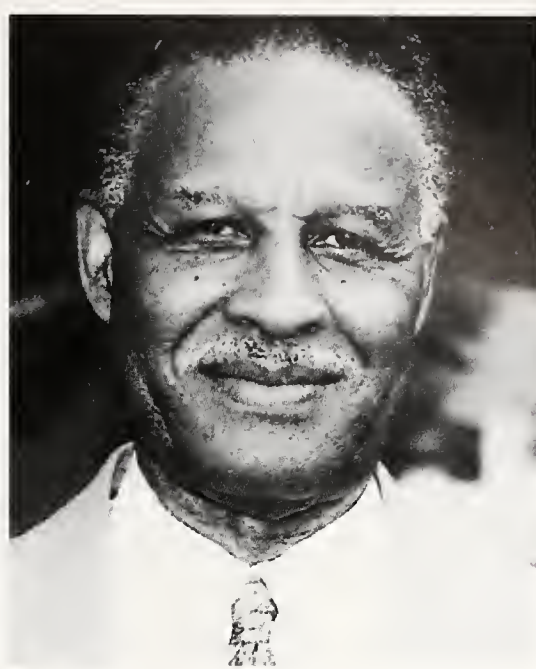




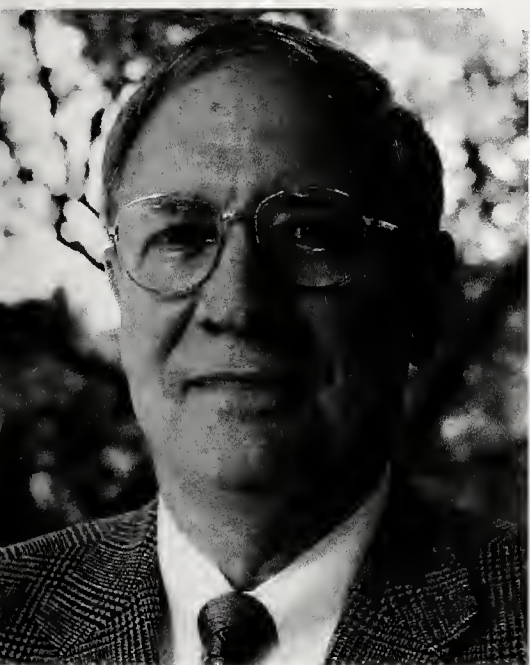
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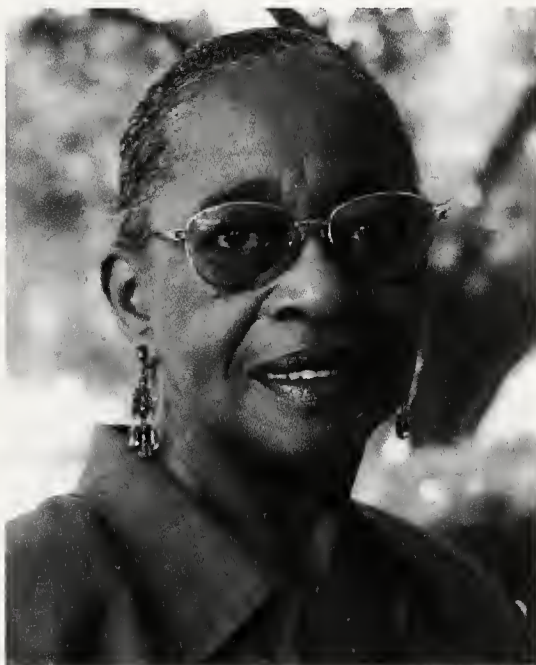
Dr. Lelia Rhodes  
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Mr. Talmadge Portis, Jr.  
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Dr. William Dodson  
Rankin County



Mrs. Josephine Hosey  
Claiborne County



Mr. Lynn Weathersby  
Rankin County



Dr. Phyfa Eiland  
Secretary-Hinds County

Caring People...

Priceless!



## Dr. George Barnes - Vice President for Utica Campus, Vicksburg-Warren County Branch, and Administrative & Student Services

To the Utica Campus Family

"The Priceless Reach"

The **Uticanite** serves as a source of documentation for many treasured memories, and the yearbook for 2003-2004 is no exception. In this volume as we observe these past experiences, which have a profound influence upon our present and future, we anticipate the recollections of the stories presented about our campus. Keeping in mind that education produces a myriad of interests to record, we applaud these selections that reflect life's varied twists and turns and ideas and suggestions of college endeavors. This book shows the predicaments that we sometime find ourselves as well as the victories we conquer.

Frequently, we dream of things that are costly and priced beyond our reach; however, the story told in this priceless collection is within our reach. Within our reach we have a composite of precious ventures of knowledge and challenges all woven together to produce a priceless gem. We attempt to offer adventures in learning that channel and increase academic mastery and promote creativity on the college level. Also, we are proud of the opportunities to enrich and enhance the academic skills as well as coping skills that are necessary to become successful and give positive returns to others.

A yearbook serves several significant purposes, and as you peruse these selected events and situations captured for various settings, we expect you to gain a genuine perspective of our institution. We want you to view the pictures and the outlook of this book as a launch designed with the intent to make this year the most productive one ever.

Our book reflects the light side of education and the vast amount of hard work that must be employed to gain the proper outcome. We hear of ideas many times, but we encourage you to actually read about and observe the variety of activities and important occurrences that play a role in molding a well rounded student, ready to step into the levels of higher education or the world of work.

We aim to open your eyes to change and assist you in reaching for priceless treasures that will propel you into a dynamic encounter with education. The intricate aspects of the learning and growing process denoted in these graphic images reveal that we strive to gain insights into our future. We encourage each of you to go beyond the boundaries and set goals that require effort, dedication, and determination.

Respectfully yours,  
Dr. George E. Barnes  
Vice - President

Pictured with Dr. Barnes is his wife, Doris.





## Dr. Clyde Muse - President of the Hinds Community College District



### Message from the President

What a year this has been for the Utica Campus of Hinds Community College! A centennial celebration of this location's 100 years of achievement gave everyone a look at the history of the Utica Campus as well as defining a progressive path for the future.

With the anniversary activities culminating at the annual Founder's Day commemoration on March 19, 2003, employees, students, alumni, and friends marked a year of events and activities that brought significant attention to the rich heritage and tradition of this campus. Building dedications included the Workforce Development Center, Bell Tower and Holtzclaw Memorial Cemetery, one of many reminders of the contributions of the Utica Campus founder W. H. Holtzclaw. A fund-raising effort was also begun to rebuild and refurbish the Holtzclaw Mansion, which is designated as a Mississippi Landmark Building by the state's Department of Archives and History.

Holtzclaw's great-granddaughter Anita Johnson, a nationally-known operatic soprano, gave an unforgettable performance in the new Cain-Cochran Hall Hogg Auditorium on the Raymond Campus. This was a memorable concert in not only that Johnson paid homage to her great grandfather, but also that this was the first recital held in this recently-opened facility.

While homecoming week saw alumni return for special gatherings, one of the main attractions during the centennial year was a visit on Founder's Day by U. S. Secretary of Education Dr. Rod Paige. Paige served as a teacher and coach at the institution from 1957 to 1963 and was inducted into the campus's first Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.

Extraordinary times like these at Hinds Community College are what make this institution stand out among the rest. Making the effort to remember the accomplishments of those who went before us and, at the same time, advancing the vision for the future are key to the success and survival of great educational establishments. As the Utica Campus has celebrated its achievements since 1903, it also continues to reach for the stars in providing an innovative, quality education for those who pass through its doors.

Sincerely,  
Clyde Muse



# "Inspirations of Royalty"

## Coronation Ball



The Utica Campus Homecoming festivities were held October 16 and 17. The featured attractions were the Coronation Ball and the Parade. The honorees during the Homecoming festivities were Mr. and Miss Utica Campus, Brandon Cooley and LaTonya Tomas. The Coronation Ball was held Thursday, October 16 at 8 p.m.

in the J.D. Boyd Gymnasium. Representatives from the different clubs and organizations paid tribute to the Royal Court. The Theme for the Homecoming festivities was, "Inspirations of Royalty."

The Parade was held Friday, October 17 at 2 p.m. in downtown Utica.



The Mahogany Dancers pay tribute to the Royal Court.

Ball Coordinator, Mrs. Marilyn Binion-Davis is accompanied by husband to the Ball.



Sisters Mrs. Jacqueline Sullivan, left, and Mrs. Deborah Danner grab a snack during the dance which was held after the Ball.







Enjoying the festivities of the dance was LaKisha Davis who helped with the photography during the Ball.



Above: Ball Coordinator, Mrs. Barbara Stokes, takes a minute to enjoy the ceremony.

Pictured left: Representatives from clubs and organizations paid tribute to the Royal Court.



## Coronation Ball 2004

LaToya Martin & Escort  
Miss Utica Connection

Brandon Causley & Karen  
Williams  
Mr. & Miss Education

Lee Kirby & Brinisha Price  
Mr. & Miss Student Union



Jimmy Jones & Courtney  
Smith  
Mr. & Miss CLAW

Houston Perry & Shanta  
Stockett  
Mr. & Miss NATS

Jonathan Jackson & Samantha  
Jones  
Mr. & Miss MENC



Kenosha Walton & Veronica  
White  
Mr. & Miss Science

Darryl Quinn & Ashlie  
Pollard  
Mr. & Miss AQPi

Jeremy Wilson & Serena  
McDonald  
Mr. & Miss Family &  
Consumer Science



Brandon Washington &  
Samantha Clark  
Mr. & Miss Cheerleading

Antrese Berry  
Miss Student Support Services

Roy Richardson & Josetta  
Moore  
Mr. & Miss Phi Theta Kappa





## "Inspirations of Royalty"



Eric & Tawana Byther  
Mr. & Miss Phi Beta Lambda



Charnell Riles & Escort  
Miss Newspaper Staff



Kenneth Jenkins &  
LaQuanda Smith  
Mr. & Miss Library



Muhammad Newton & Nataja  
Stewart  
Mr. & Miss Drama



Titus Carver & Ciji  
Fosselman  
Mr. & Miss Computer  
Science



Freddie Brown & Christy  
Washington  
Mr. & Miss Cosmetology



Ali McKnight & Brenda  
Rogers  
Mr. & Miss Barbering



Xaddier Weeks & Twayla  
Johnson  
Mr. Esquire & Miss  
Esquirette



Stephen Smith & Tarita  
Edwards  
Mr. & Miss Usher



Shaka Zulu & Tonya  
Fritzgerald  
Mr. & Miss VICA



Cory Berry & Sheila Collins  
Mr. & Miss Food Production

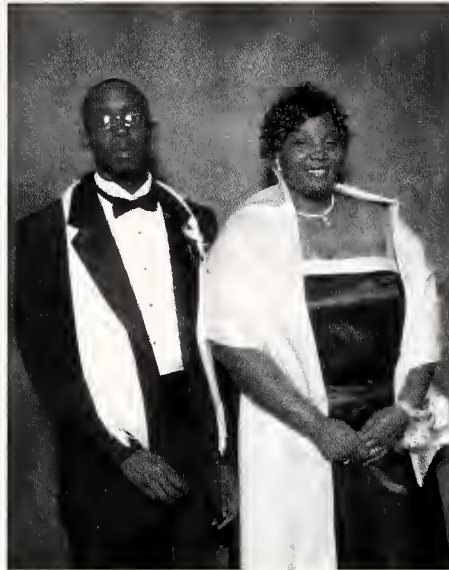


Meguel Henyard & Shawana  
Coleman  
Mr. & Miss Physical  
Education



# Coronation Ball

Mr. & Miss Choir  
Tevin Stubbs & Tiffany  
Taylor



Mr. & Miss Cosmetology  
Alvin Spencer & Clency  
McGrew

Miss Sociology  
Shunta Pendleton & Escort

Mr. & Miss Chess Club  
Jared Tinnon & Byrtina  
White



Mr. & Miss SGO  
Corey Hazelton & Kassandra  
Henderson

Mr. & Miss Dormitory  
Matthew Larry & Letesha  
West

Mr. & Miss IAAP  
Patrick Johnson & Felicia  
Whitehead



Miss Javonda & Escort

Miss Clothing & Textile  
Tee Adams



Mr. & Miss Freshman  
Thomas Ward & Andrea  
Johnson

Ball guest -Jacqueline

Adriea Jenkins



## "Inspirations of Royalty"



Performing a tribute to the Royal Court is the Jubilee Singers under the direction of Dr. Bobby Cooper.



The Mahogany Dancers perform during the Ball in honor of the Royal Court. The Mahogany Dancers are under the direction of Mrs. Esther Owens.



The Port Gibson High School Marching Band was among several to participate in the Utica Campus Homecoming Parade.



Twani throws candy to the crowd of people who came out to witness the Homecoming Parade in downtown Utica on Friday, October 17, 2003.



Several of the different programs decorated floats to represent their area.





# "Inspirations of Royalty"



Leading the Utica Campus Homecoming Parade is the Utica Campus Vice President Dr. George Barnes. Escorting the Vice President is Mrs. Maude Kendrick, bookstore manager.

The crowd receives a double treat, the attraction of the many decorative floats and candy of many assortments.



The highlight of the Homecoming Parade was the Hinds AHS Marching Band. The sights and sounds were awesome.



Pictured above:  
Community organizations  
participated in the Parade.

Pictured right: The Utica  
Campus Aerobic Angels  
participated in the  
Homecoming Parade.  
Pictured are, from left,  
Mrs. Carolyn Samuel,  
Mrs. Sharon Kimble,  
and Mrs. Chris Watkins.



The Jefferson County Marching Band had an impressive  
showing during the Homecoming Parade.



# "Inspirations of Royalty" served as Homecoming theme.



Christy was a beautiful representation of the Cosmetology Program.

The excitement of the crowd was at an all-time high. Main street in downtown Utica was filled with decorative cars and floats and with bands and dancers galore.





The October morning began a little different than usual for history instructor Sharon Kimble. Instead of going to her classroom to teach, she was honored as a result of her teaching. The guest of honor arrived around 8 a.m. to be greeted by hostess, Mrs. Ellestene Turner, and other members of her Utica Campus family.

Congratulations,  
Mrs. Kimble

There are very few things in life nicer than sharing moments with friends.

Pictured right: When asked what she was going to bring her Utica Campus friends back from Africa, the picture says it all.



Kimble views the names of colleagues who gave her a copy of the book, **Cry the Beloved Country**.





## Kimble Travels to South Africa

*A select group of people from Oprah Winfrey's Book Club will accompany her to South Africa after reading the novel, Cry the Beloved Africa.*

Hello Ms. Winfrey,

My name is Sharon Kimble. I am a 36 year old wife and mother of two boys' ages 18 and 8. Recently, I began teaching History at a small historically black community college in Utica, Mississippi. Previously, I taught in the public school system in Jackson, Mississippi, where we often took history building trips across the United States. It has always been my goal to expose students to as much as I possibly can. Students in rural Mississippi often time have not traveled outside of their communities. I occasionally talk with my family and my students about someday being able to sponsor a trip to Africa. That's a little easier to do with college age students. I would be able to better respond to my students if I could first see a little bit of the country myself. I was elated when I heard the title of your most recent book club pick.

The novel, Cry the Beloved Country, has been one of my favorite classroom assignments since I first discovered the movie a few years ago. I immediately realized that it could be the ideal teaching tool to connect the two movements, Apartheid and the Civil Rights Movement. That's when I located and read the book. After reading the book and viewing the video along with a classroom discussion, the students are asked to look a little deeper into the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. and Apartheid in South Africa in order to complete the research paper. Students are asked to pay special attention to the judicial system, the gold mines versus cotton plantations, views of Christianity, and the bus boycotts. This has proven to be an eye opening experience for my students. Students who are too young to have experienced these things often go home and talk with



English teacher, Barbara Stokes, congratulates Kimble and gets an autograph as a gesture of humor.



Kimble shares in a bit of humor with friends who came to share in her honor of being selected as one chosen to travel with Oprah Winfrey to Africa.

## Coffee With Kimble

their parents and grandparents about the movement. Not only are they learning about a defining moment in history, but now there is a dialogue between parents and children about their own family history and culture. **This is why I teach!**

In closing, if I am chosen as one of those blessed viewers to travel to South Africa with you, it would be a dream come true. It is one thing to teach civil rights and apartheid to my students, but to be able to travel to South Africa and to tour the country can be one of the defining moments in any teacher's life. This will especially be an outstanding experience for one whose life's work is to help students to connect with the past in a way that will encourage them to focus on not allowing this history to repeat itself.

Thank you for the opportunity and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sharon C. Kimble



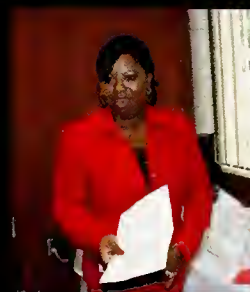
Pictured left, Kimble reads the letter she wrote to Oprah Winfrey that earned her a trip to South Africa with the famous talk show host. Kimble is



pictured, right, with two of her students who are excited about her honor and being a part of her class.



Kimble said she wrote the letter in hopes of being selected, but never putting a lot of



thought into the idea that it would really happen for her. She is excited.

***Being selected to visit South Africa with Oprah Winfrey...***

***Priceless!***



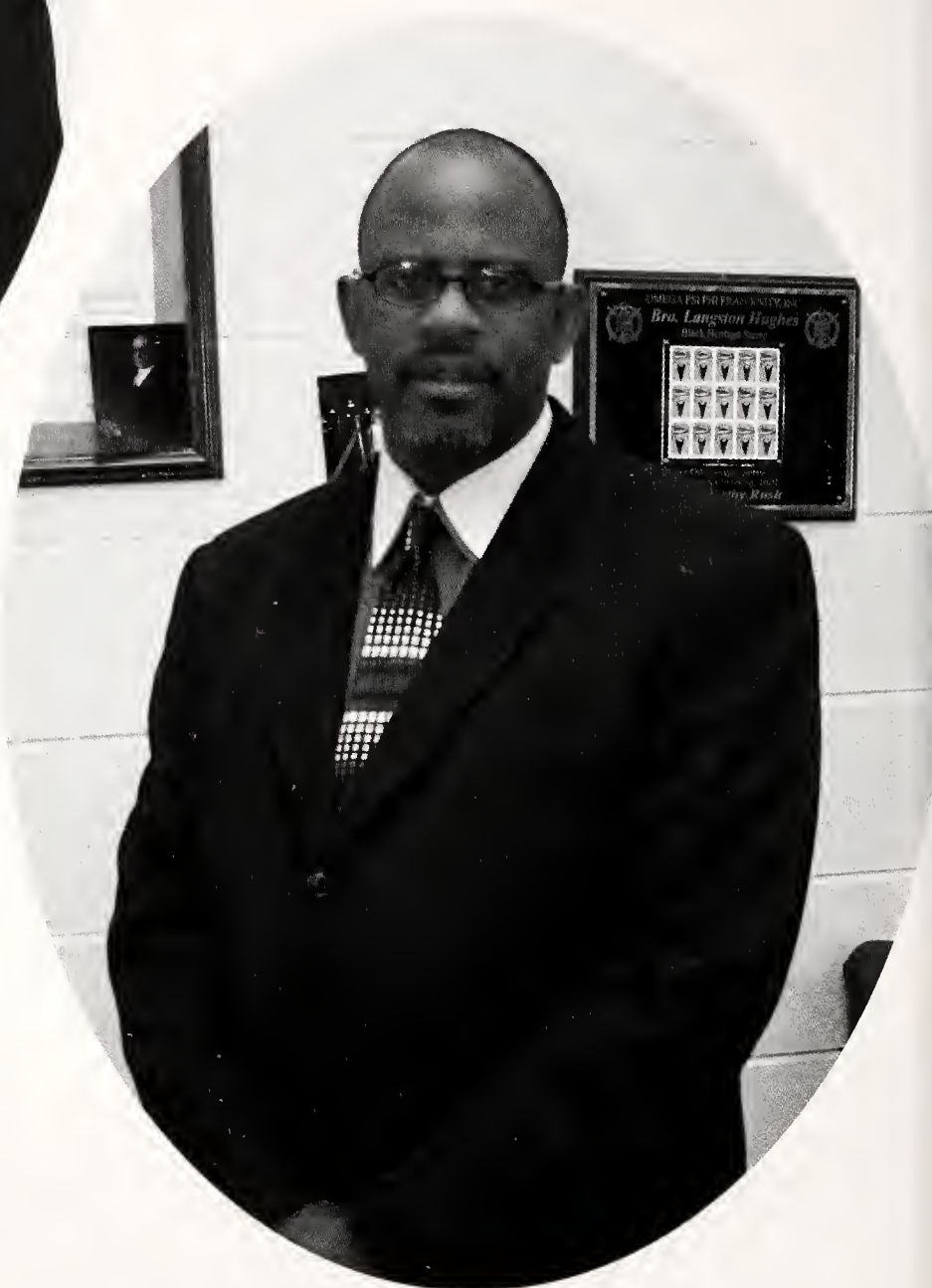
# Administrative Council



Dr. Eugene Gaston  
Dean of Instruction

The Administrative Council serves as an advisory council to the vice president. Their duties include (a) meeting monthly and submitting a status report and projections for activities and personnel under their jurisdiction (b) serving as a liaison between the vice president and personnel under their jurisdiction, and (c) advising the vice president with regard to guidelines and procedures for the college.

Not pictured is Mr. Joe Huffman, director of transportation and maintenance.



Mr. Tim Rush  
Dean of Student Affairs





Mr. Robert Strong  
Principal, Hinds Agricultural High School  
pictured with Strong is his wife, Gwendolyn



Ms. Loretta Gandy  
Administrative Assistant to the Vice President





Dr. Bobby Cooper, left, is pictured with former Jubilee Singer, Dr. Roger Gines, following the Distinguished Alumni Awards Program held in February 2003.



# People

"The strength of a man is found in his deeds"

*Giving unselfishly of thyself...*

*Priceless!*

Utica Campus  
Vice  
President, Dr.  
George  
Barnes,  
receives a hug  
from former  
employee,  
Hampton,  
during the  
Winter  
Homecoming  
celebration.



Computer  
science  
instructor,  
Mrs. Deborah  
Danner, left,  
chats with  
HCC Board  
member, Dr.  
Gnger Smith,  
during  
Founder's Day  
activities.



Officer Percy  
"Big Dog"  
Terrell, left,  
and Dean of  
Students, Tim  
Rush, share in  
a little lite  
humor while  
browsing  
around  
campus.



Ms. Georgia  
Wiggins,  
reading  
instructor,  
smiles during  
one of her  
classes.



Alumni K.C.  
Allen, left, and  
former Utica  
Campus  
acting  
president, Dr.  
Rudolph  
Waters, share  
in memories  
of old during a  
visit to the  
campus.





It was a honor to have Cordel represent the Utica Campus as Mr. Utica Campus during its Centennial Celebration.



Cordell was a role model during his two years at the Utica Campus. He was active in several clubs and organizations. Among those included Who's Who Among Students In American Community Colleges, The United Campus Ministries, the Utica Campus Choir, and The Utica Jubilee Singers.

Cordell graduated from the Utica Campus in May 2003 and passed the torch of Mr. Utica Campus on to his successor on Thursday, October 26, 2003, at the Coronation Ball Ceremony held in the J.D. Boyd Gymnasium. One week later, Cordell departed this life on Friday, October 24, 2003.





# A Tribute to Centennial King Cordel Wren & Long Time Employee Dr. William Cornelius

Flames That Will Forever Glow

Dr. William Cornelius served this institution for thirty years. He was a professor and an administrator. His tenure ranged from 1969- 1999.

Dr. Cornelius was a professor of sociology and psychology and served as director of the Student Support Services Program until his retirement.

He departed this life on Monday, September 29, 2003.

Dr. Cornelius' friends and colleagues remember him as one who gave cheerfully and loved unconditionally.





Clubs and organizations are vital to the total development of a college education. They help to develop leadership skills, teamwork, social skills, and friendship. The Utica Campus prides itself on developing the total individual and that development is nurtured by a spirit of "family."



# Reaching From the Inside Out

Nobody knows what's on the inside of an individual except maybe that particular individual. However, when an individual is challenged or threatened, he or she encounters an innate man that perhaps has never been experienced. Education causes a man to reach within himself to discover a greater individual.

Teachers challenge you to read when the world says its time to party. Those in need challenge you to sacrifice your time to community service when others say it is time for relaxation, and you challenge yourself to go to the library to do research when your eyes say they are too tired to see. It is all a part of what is on the inside challenging you to come out.

You are being threatened. What do you propose to do? The threat of self destruction is man's greatest enemy. You can declare defeat.

Involve yourself with positive thinking, people, and action.

Focus on helping yourself by helping others.

Know that education is the key only when it unlocks doors for others to walk through.

Know that the greatest Being is not yourself but the man who reigns Supreme.

Understand there is a season to plant and one to harvest: Good planted, good harvested. Nothing planted, nothing harvested.



Barbering students Jacks and Motion speed off to class after finishing a nourishing meal of vegetables, seafood and pasta.







Nothing helps food to digest as well as being in the company of friends. Akelia Allen refreshes her thirst as Jeffrey and friend leave for class.

The College grill is a popular place throughout the day. Students and employees alike enjoy the daily menu of chicken tenders, fries, and salad. Other items include hot wings, chili cheese fries, pizzas, hamburgers, nachos and corn dogs.



Mrs. Ammie McCurley's biology lab students are involved in studying the parts of a microscope. The microscope is used to identify various specimen.



Tanneshia makes a fashion statement in all pink. She stops and poses for the camera after leaving the residence halls. Tanneshia was visiting a friend who resides in the dormitory. She is a freshman from Crystal Springs.

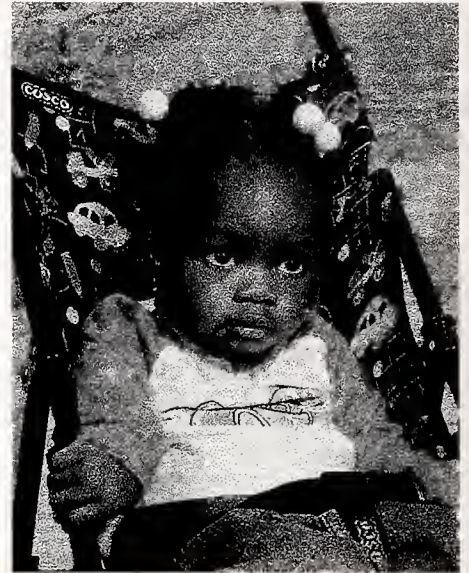
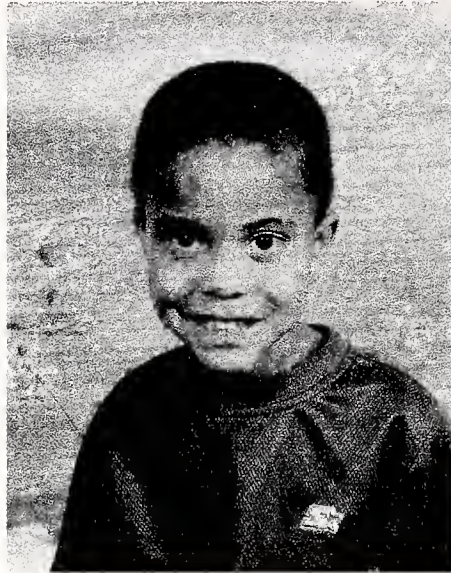


Left: Mahammed is a sophomore who enjoys writing poetry. He is on his way to his dorm room for a moment of relaxation before his next class.



## *Freddie Jackson Child Care Students*

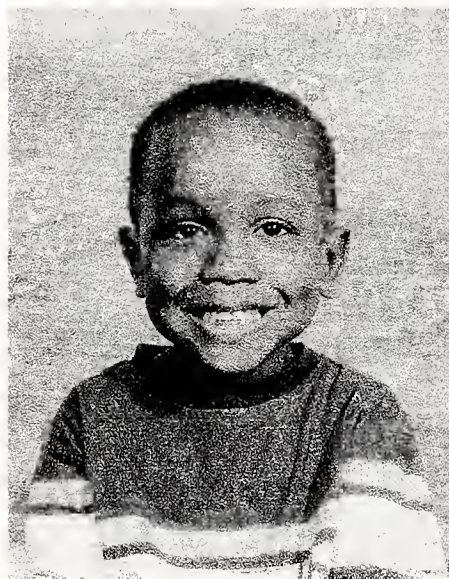
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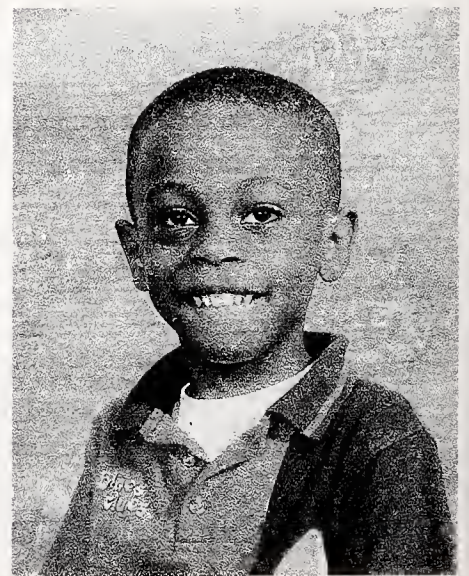
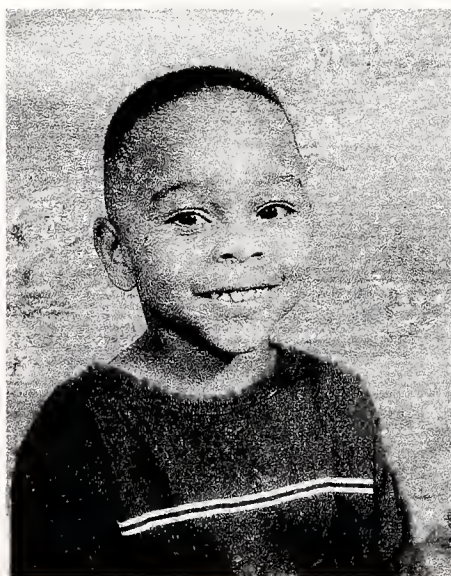
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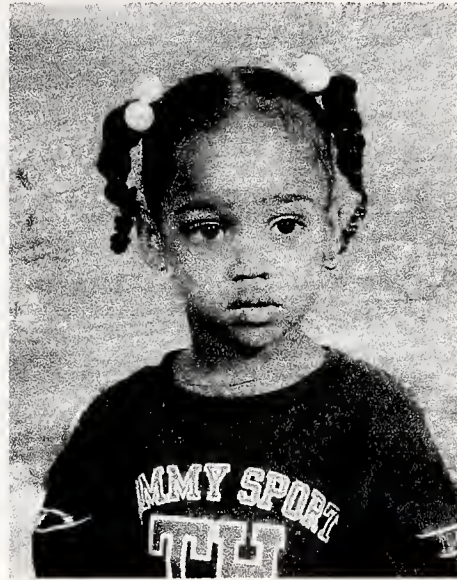


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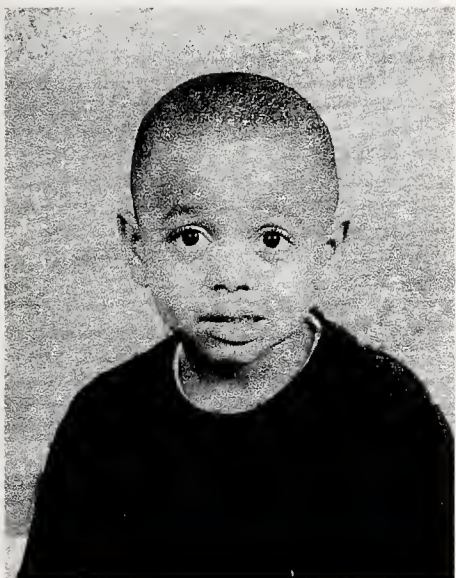




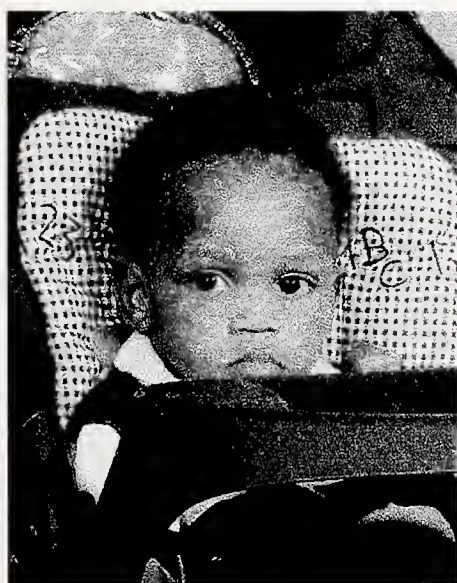
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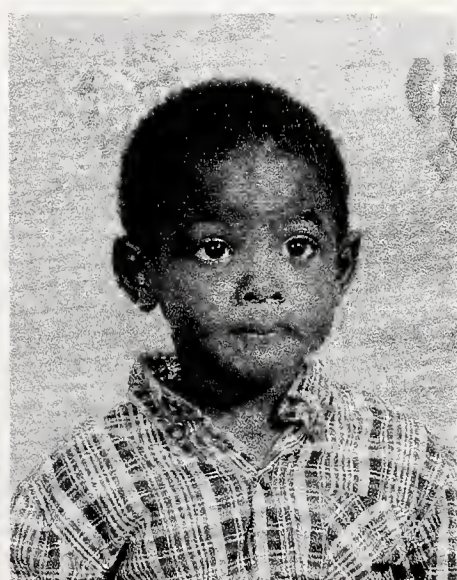
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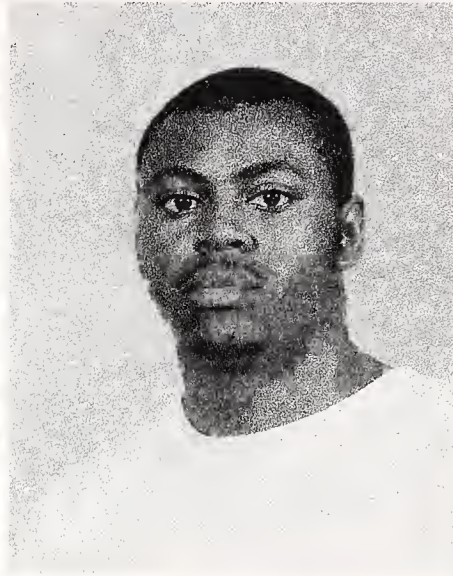
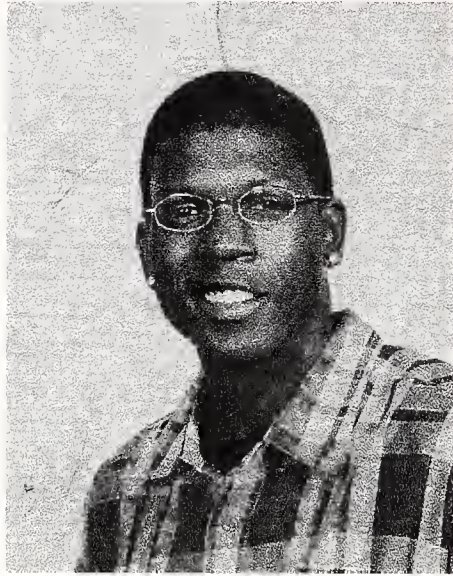


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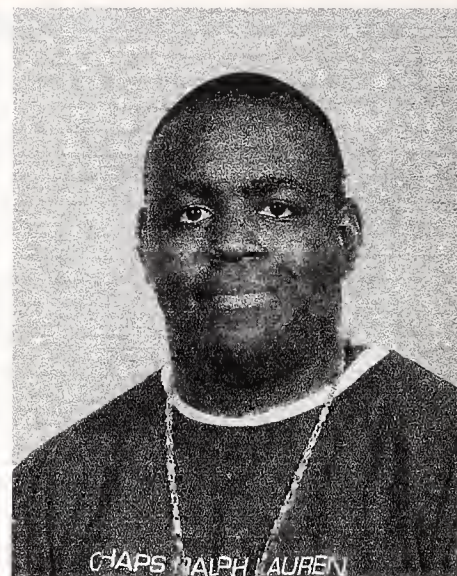


## *Freshman Class*

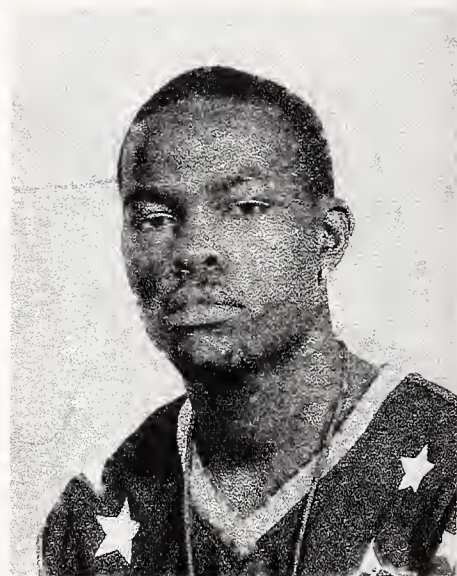
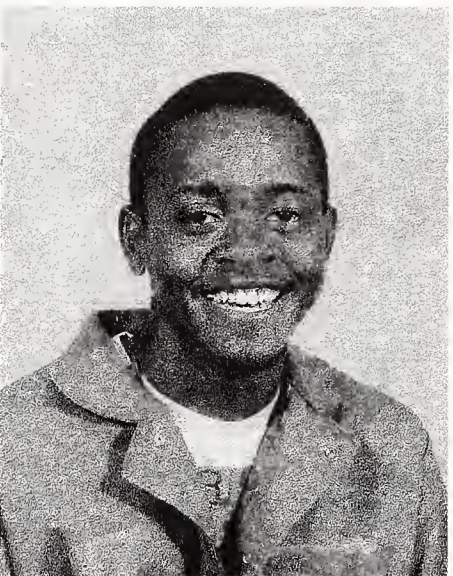
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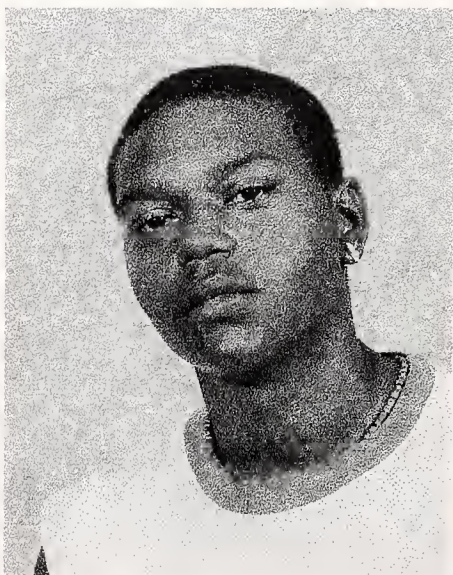
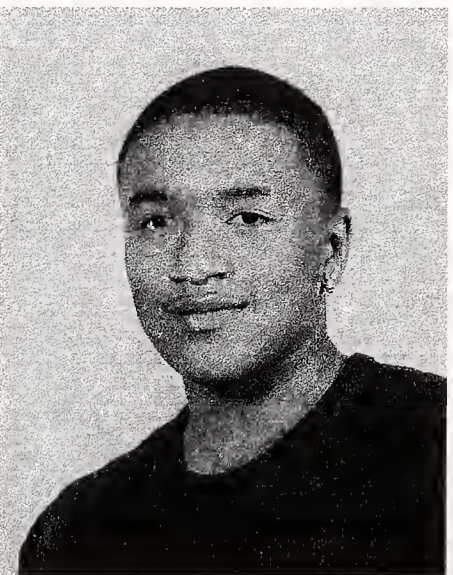
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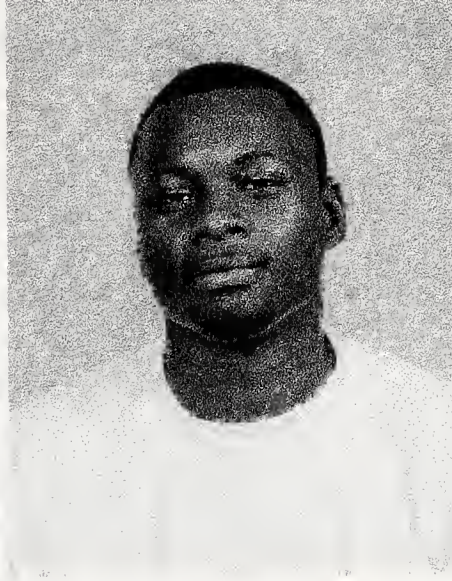
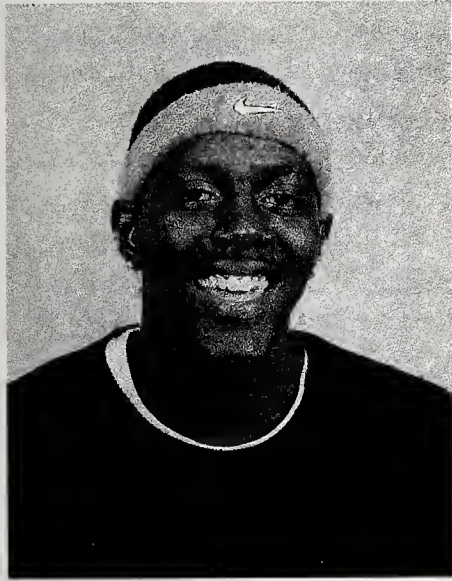




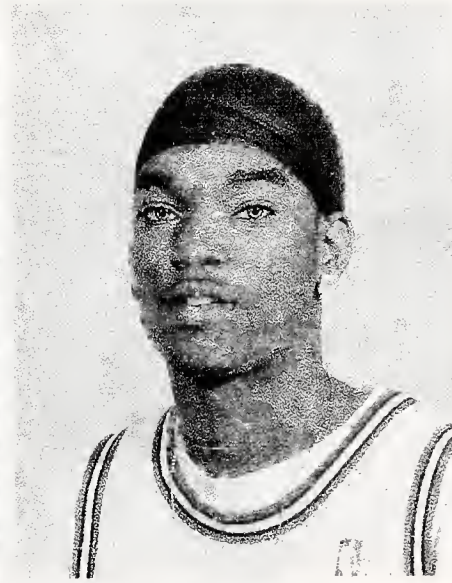
*'We can only learn to love by loving.'*



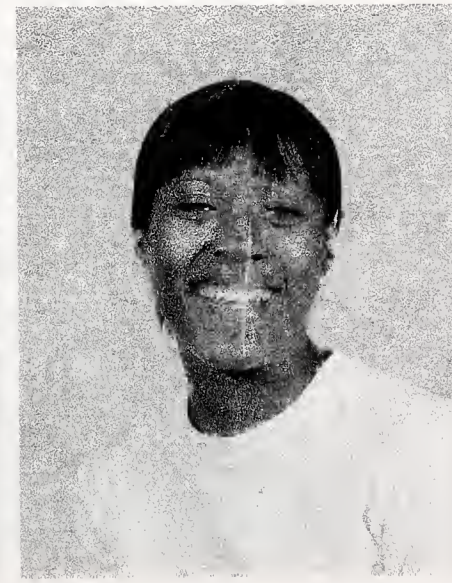
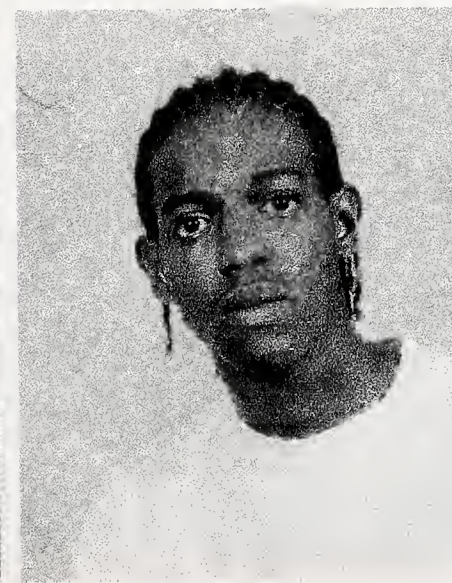
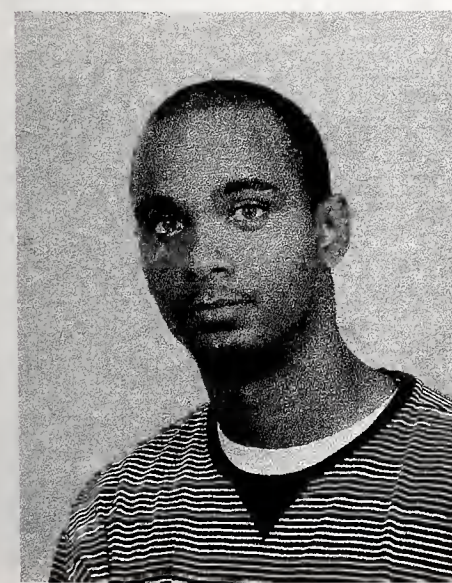
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# *Freshman Class*

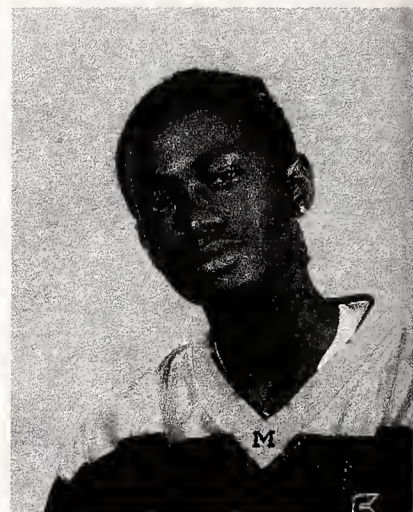
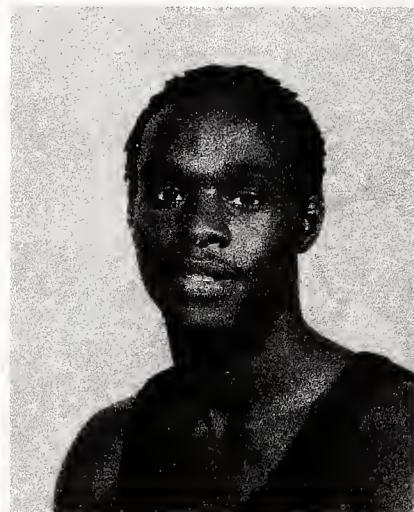
Chandra campaigns during the freshman class election in hopes of winning an officer's title.



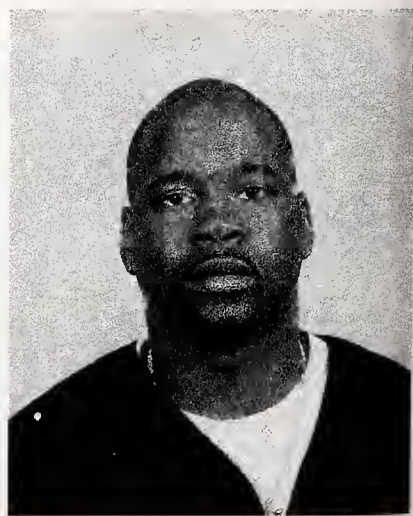
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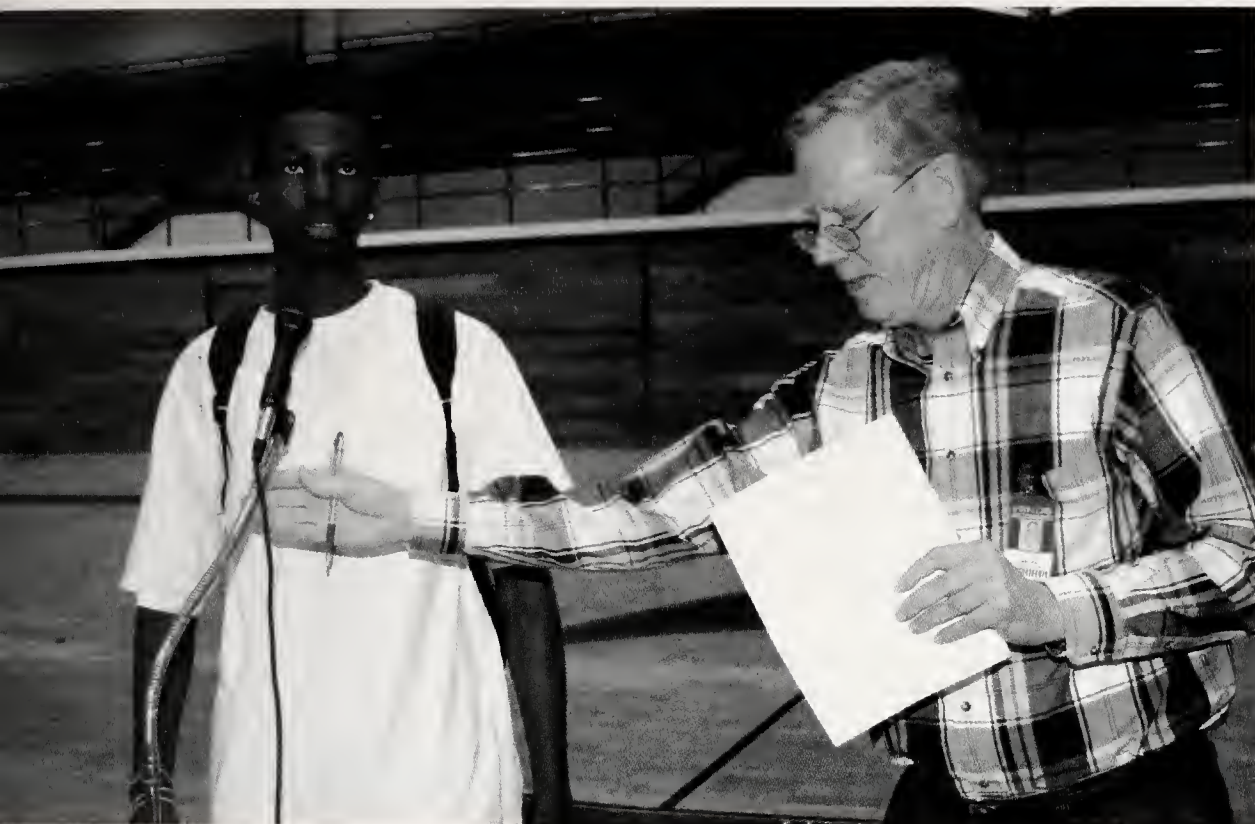
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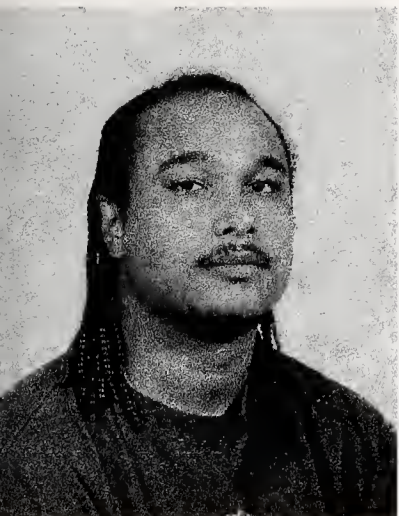






*"Friends who plant kindness gather love."*

Thomas Ward make his campaign speech to his classmates in hopes of being elected Mr. Freshman and reporter. He was convincing enough to take the title of Mr. Freshman.



**Corey Hazelton  
Audrey Humphrey  
James Hales**



**Tyrinn Hunley  
Andrea Johnson  
Cedric Jackson**

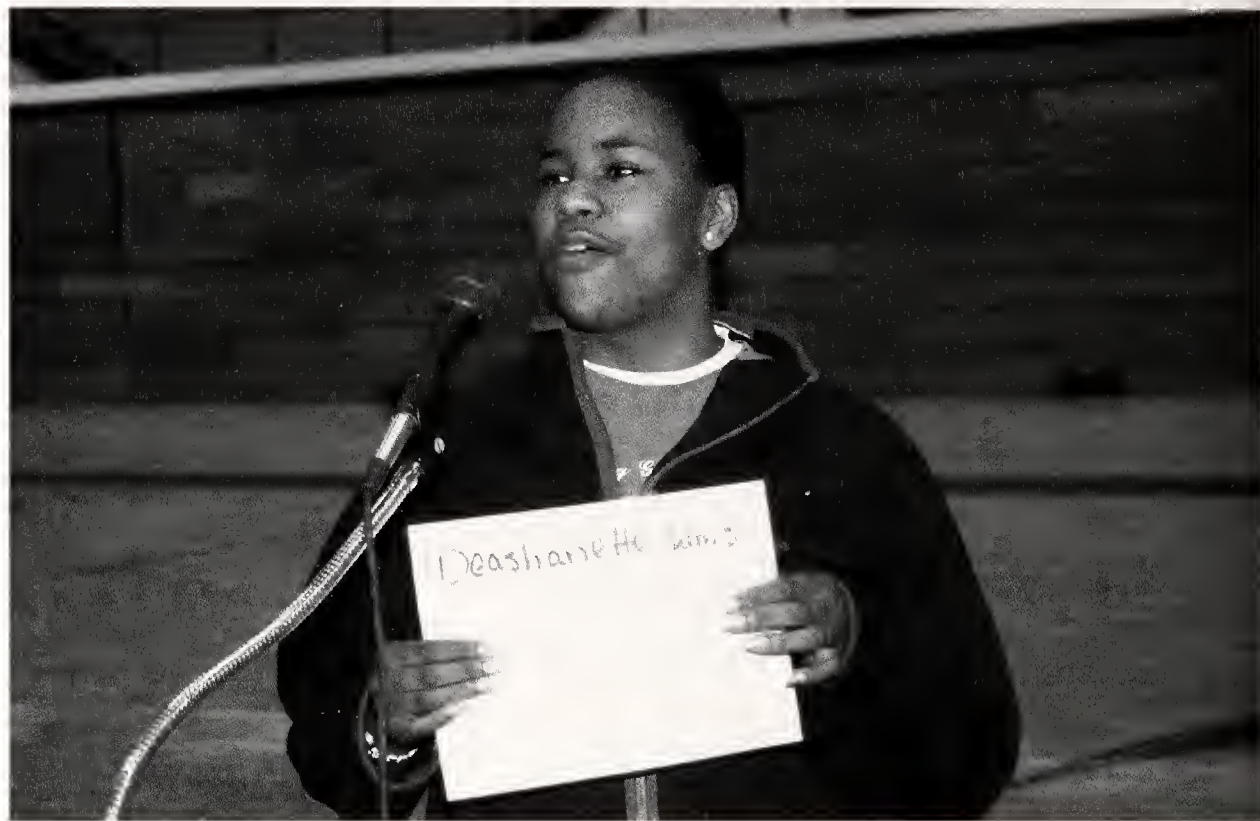


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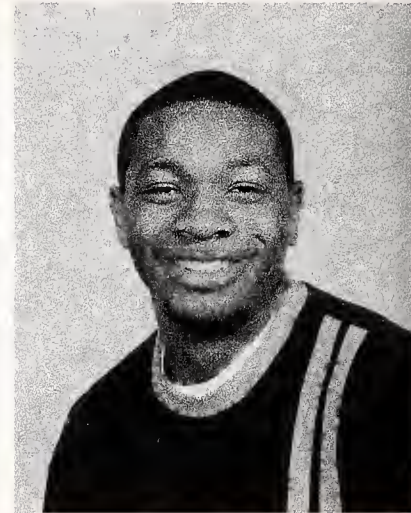
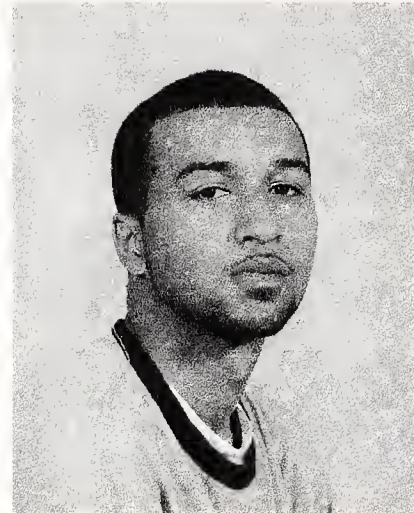


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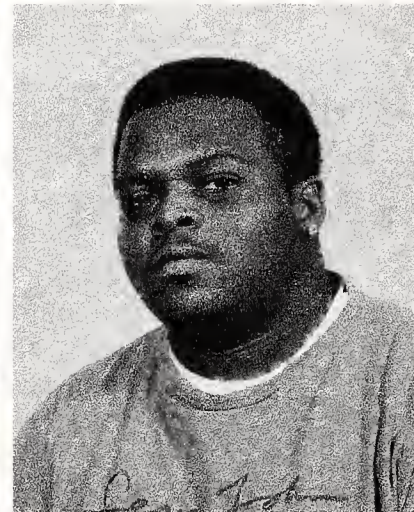
**Deashanette Williams campaigns  
for Freshman Class reporter.  
Williams is a general studies  
major from Port Gibson.**



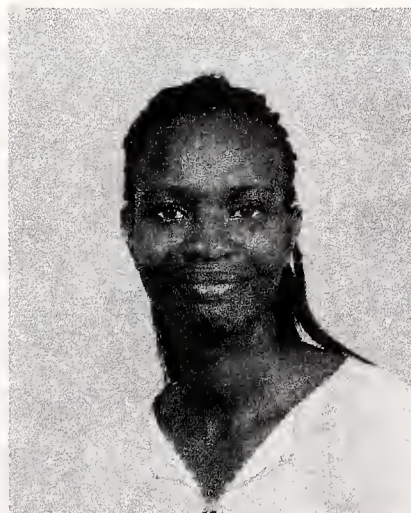
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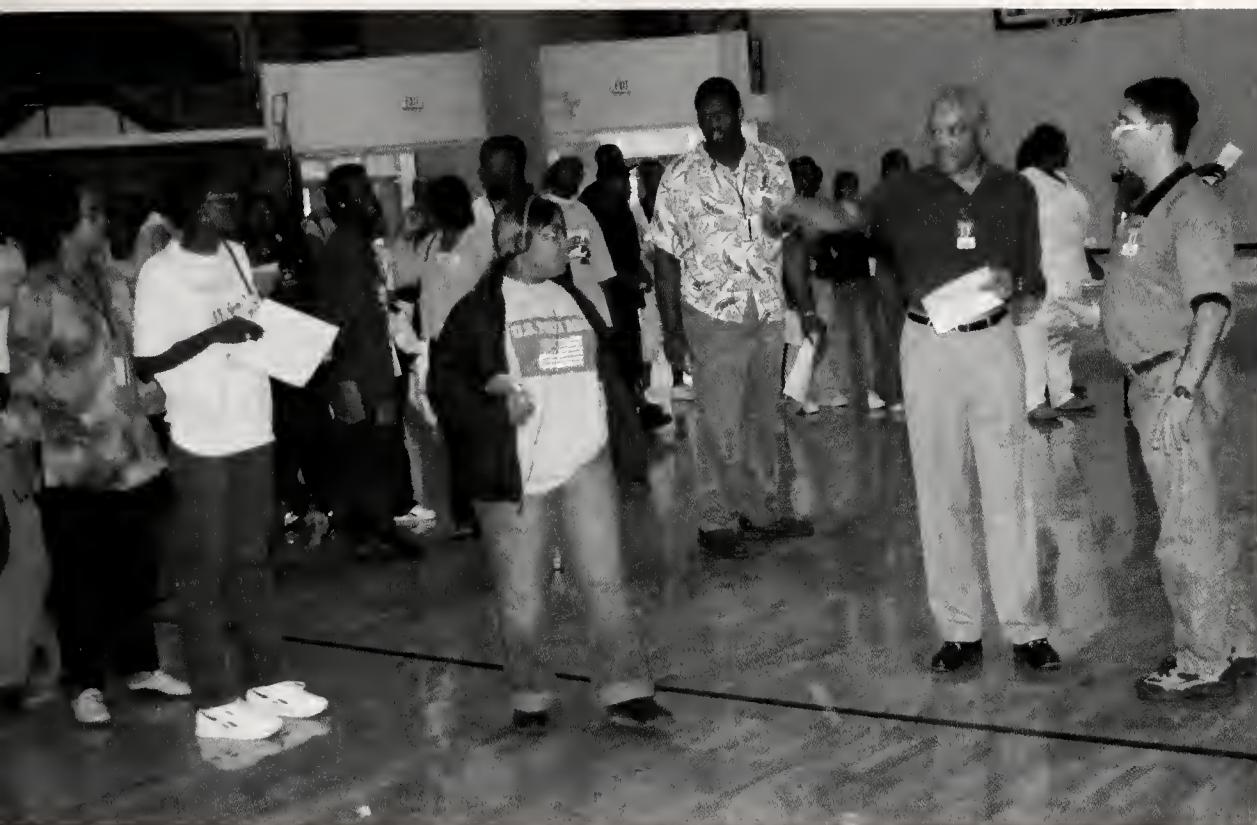
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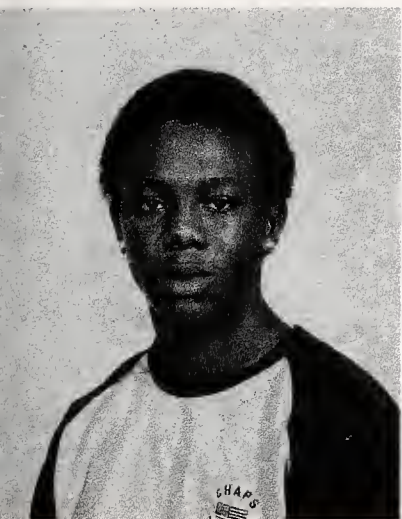




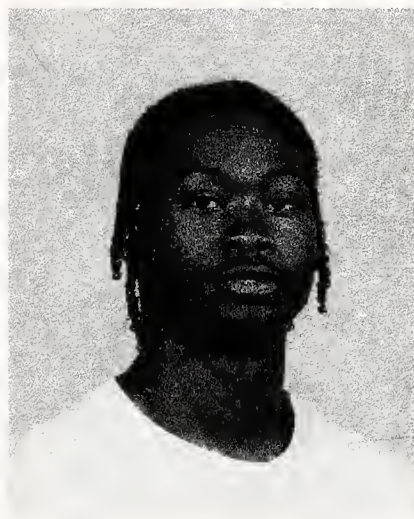


*"We are born for love."*

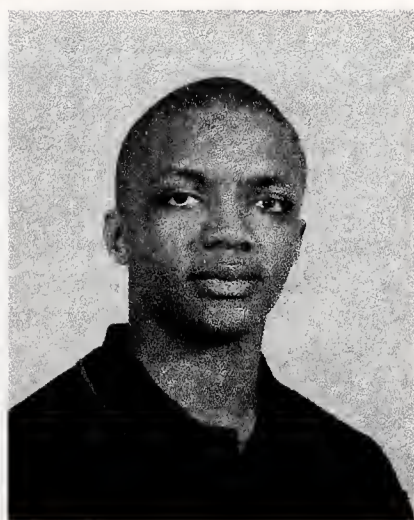
**Freshmen Class advisors, Mr. Carlton Wilson and Mr. Seyed Darbandi, discuss procedures for electing class officers and voting.**



**Jordan Moore  
Shelby Moore  
Willie Norris**



**Kiethan Noel  
Idella O'Neal  
Marcus Paige**



**Denethra Pattern  
Diedra Parker  
Lamont Patterson**

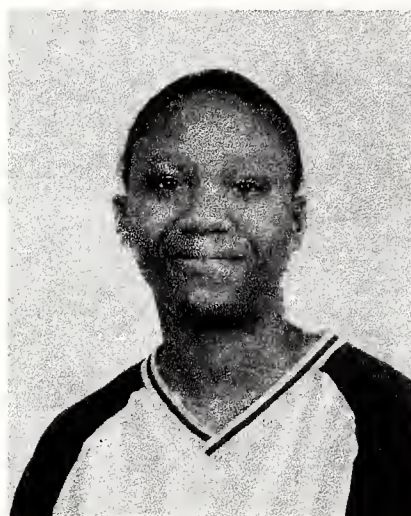


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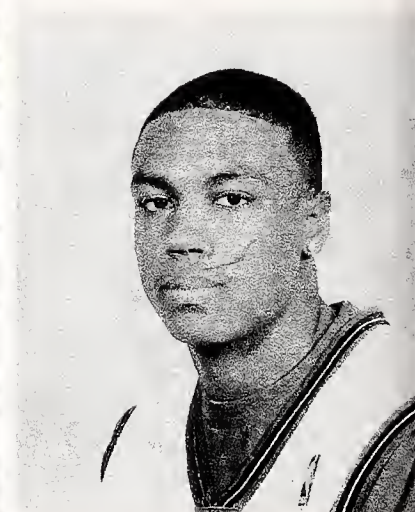
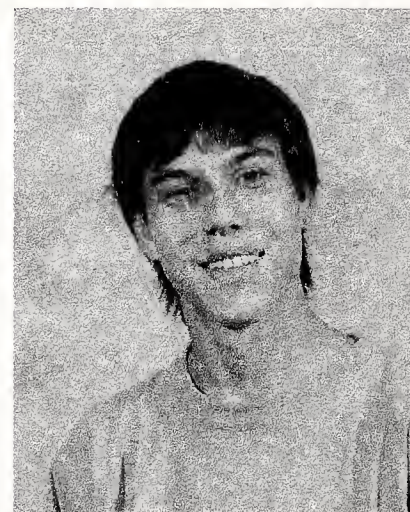
**Benjamin Adebayo ignores his friend momentarily for a chance to be captured by the photographer.**



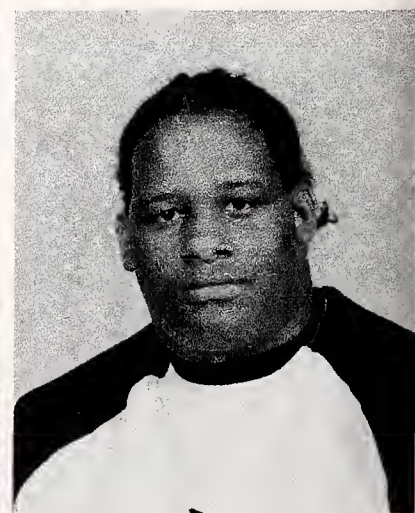
**Shantae Pendleton  
Ashley Pollard  
Stephanie Polk**



**Brinisha Price  
Timothy Pointer  
Darryl Quinn**



**Jennifer Ralson  
Foresee Redmond  
Keddrick Redmond**

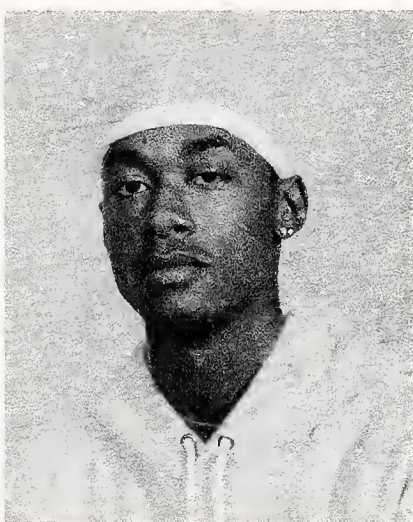




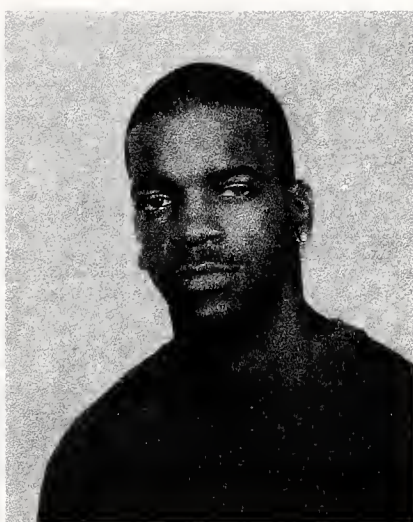


*'The giving of love is an education in itself.'*

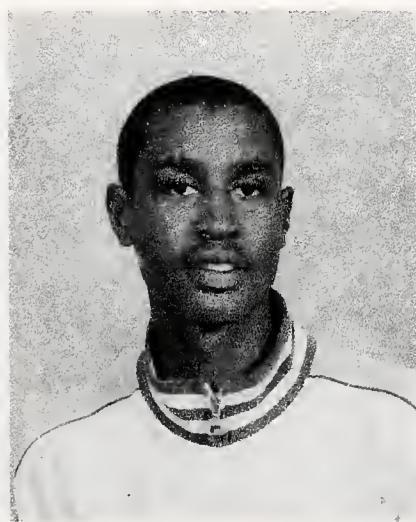
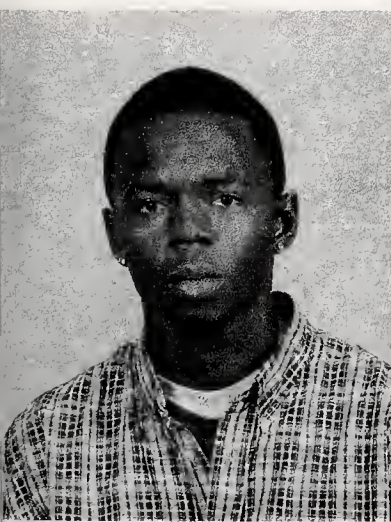
Watching, from left, are Eugene, Justin, and Keithan who awaits his turn at the table while DeAngelo tries to make his shot the last one of the game.



**Charnell Riles  
Okeyin Riles  
Kendrick Robinson**



**Latisal Robinson  
Andrea Ruffin  
Milo Ruckeer**

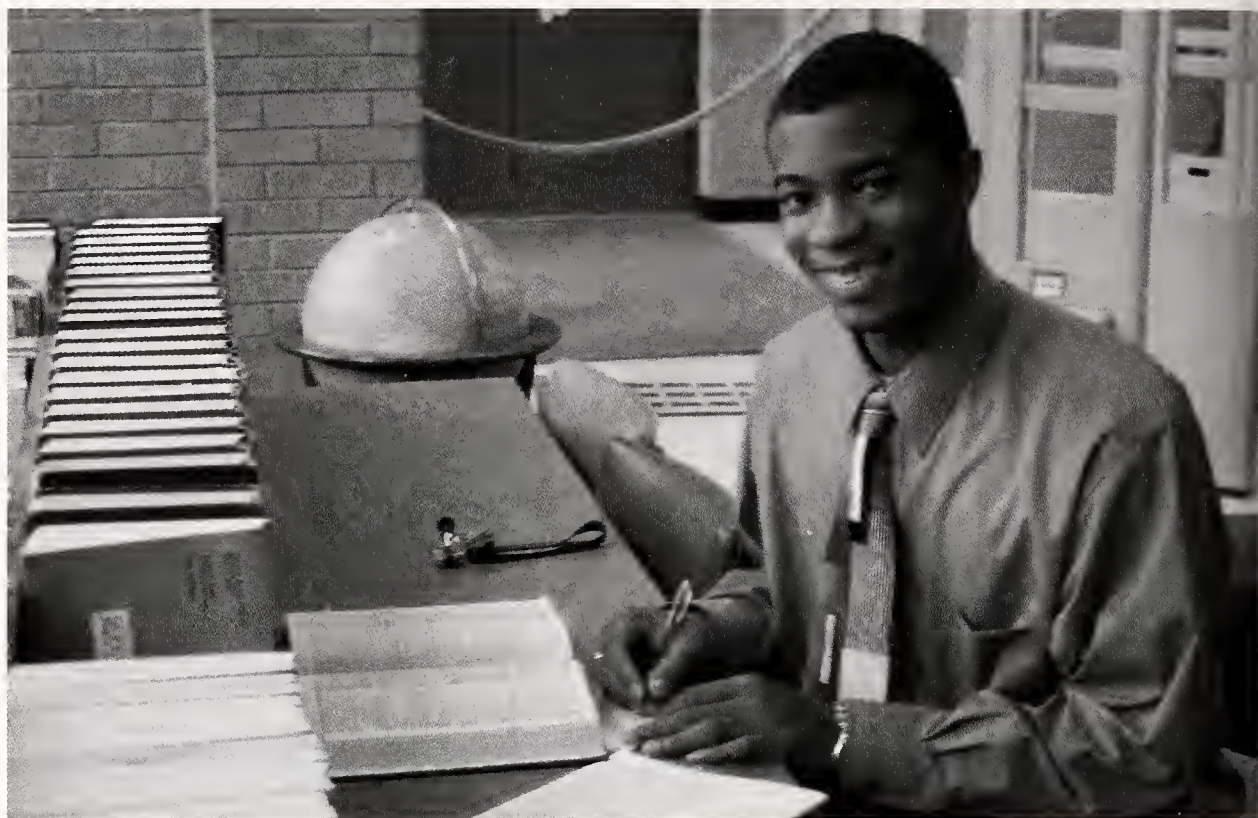


**Kevin Sampson  
Levi Scott  
Nikia Shaw**

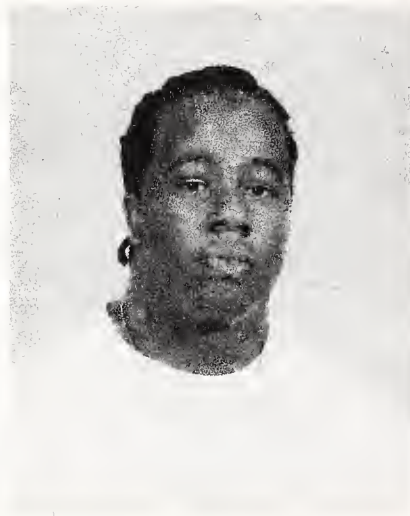


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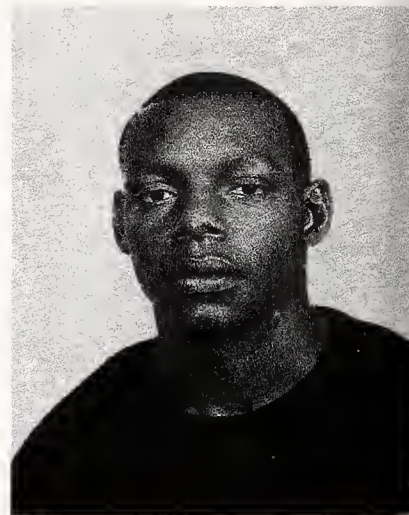
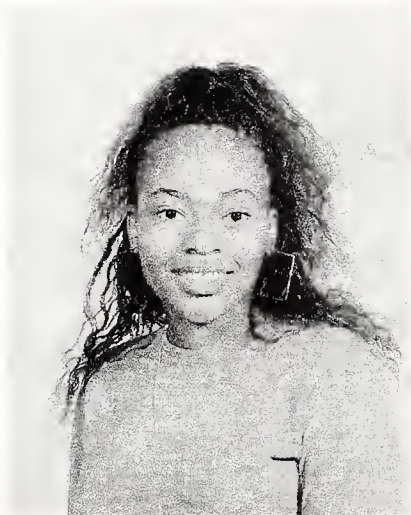
**Xavier, a freshman choir member, gets off to a good start. He goes to the library between classes to work on a reports and assignments.**



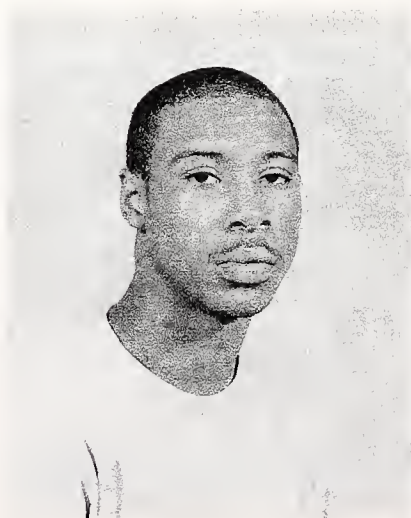
**Sherry Shorter  
Walker Simril  
Angenita Smith**



**Courtney Smith  
Mary Smith  
Corey Stewart**



**Donell Stewart  
Nataji Stewart  
Shanta Stockett**







*'Love is the greatest refreshment in life.'*

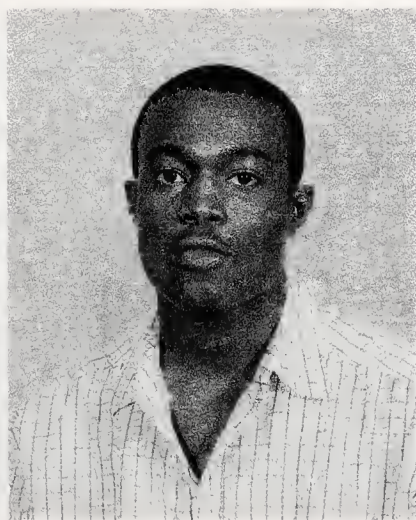
After dinner, friends Christina, Rene, and London share time outside on the dormitory plaza discussing the day's happenings before going to their rooms to study.



**James Tate  
Lakeisha Taylor  
MaShondra Taylor**



**Ashley Thomas  
Jacquelyn Thomas  
Johnathan Thomas**



**Jonathan Thompson  
Kendrick Thompson  
Shequita Thompson**

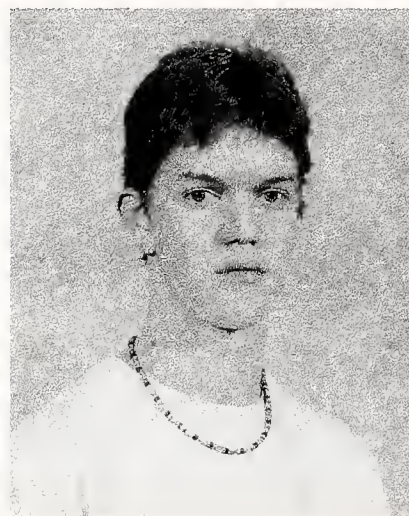


## ***Freshman Class***

**Jan Brown, Nikki, Carnika Evans,  
and Thomas Ward enjoy an  
afternoon of relaxation.**



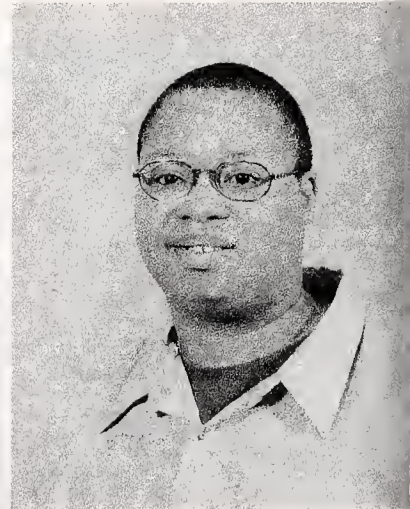
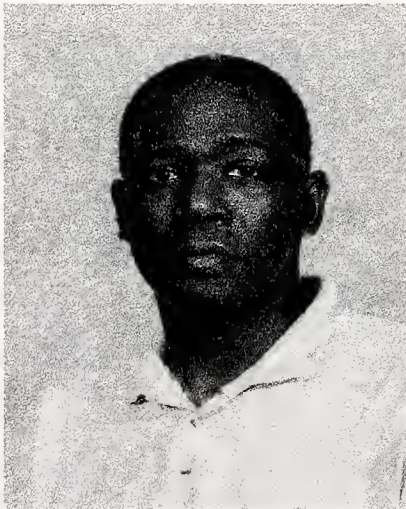
**Ophelia Thornton  
Jason Thurman  
Tiffany Tyler**



**Samonda Tory  
Shameka Turner  
Jazzalyn Walker**

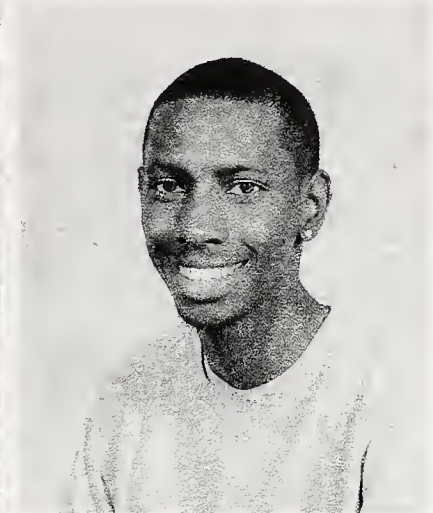
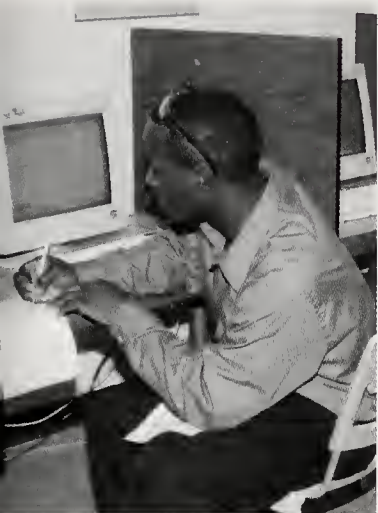


**Lawrence Walker  
Sandra Walls  
Emmit Ward**



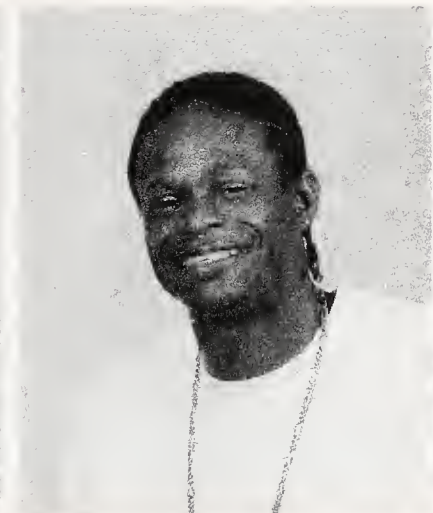
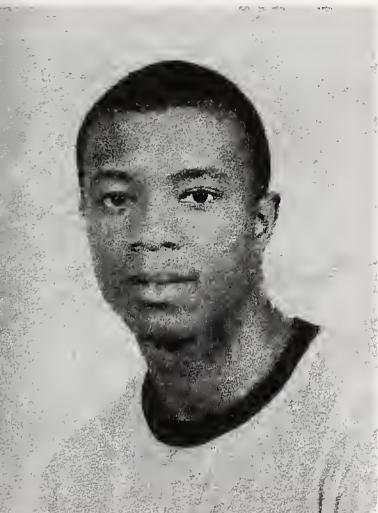


*"Love, it's a flower and  
you its only seed."*

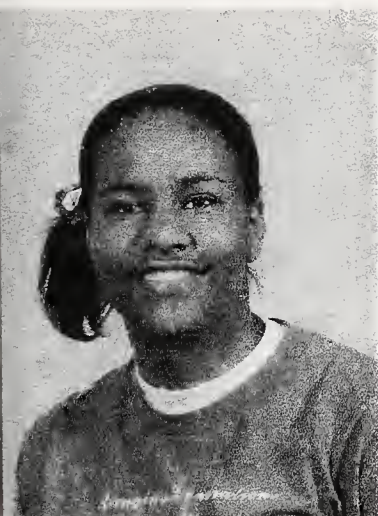


Pictured far left: David takes a  
break from his friends to focus on  
quality time in the library.

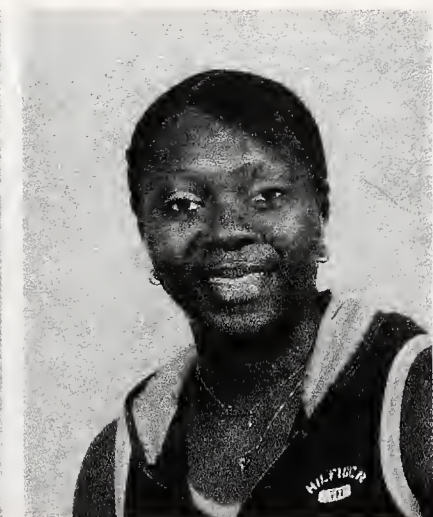
**Thomas Ward  
Keneesha Washington**



**Xadier Weeks  
Larry Whitfield  
Garrick Whitney**



**Deashanetta Williams  
Erica Williams  
Jasmine Williams**



**Tennessee Williams  
Anita Wilson  
Alfred Young**



## *Sophomore Class*

Senica breaks away from his friends to spend time getting ahead on homework.



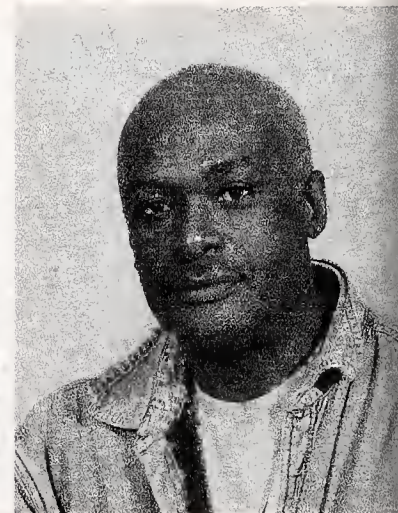
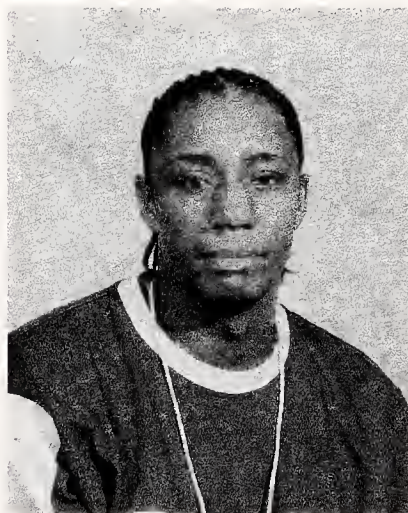
**Lakiesha Adams  
Tee Adams  
Jessica Anderson**



**Shamiah Arbuthnot  
LaShawn Bell  
George Branch**



**Dertich Brown  
Jan Brown  
Vernon Bozeman**

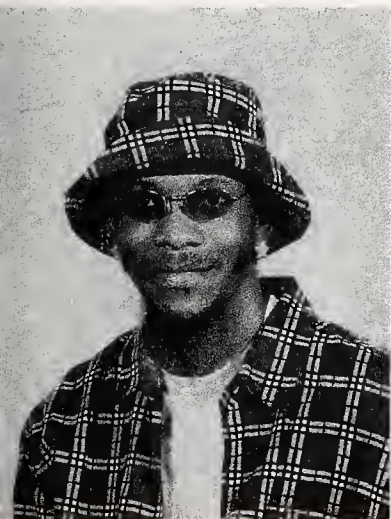






*'There is nothing half so  
sweet in life as love's  
young dreams.'*

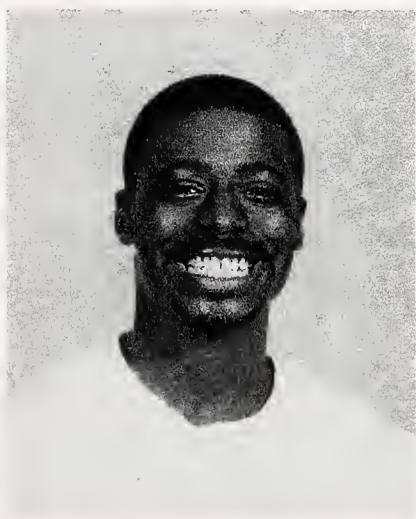
Freshman, Shelby Moore, takes a  
nap between classes. She ignores  
the noise from the game room next  
door.



**Titus Carver  
Brandon Causley  
Danny Cavalier**



**Gertrude Chatman  
Mario Chatman  
Samantha Clark**



**Shawanna Coleman  
Kenneth Collins  
Shelia Collins**

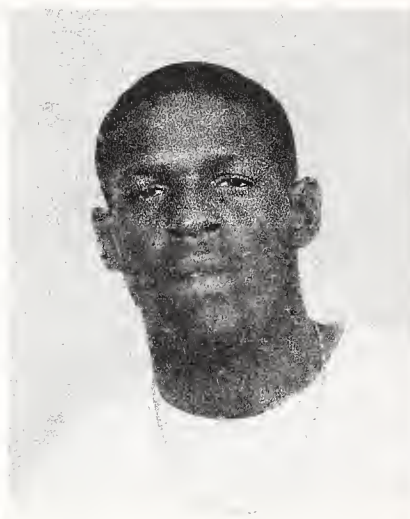
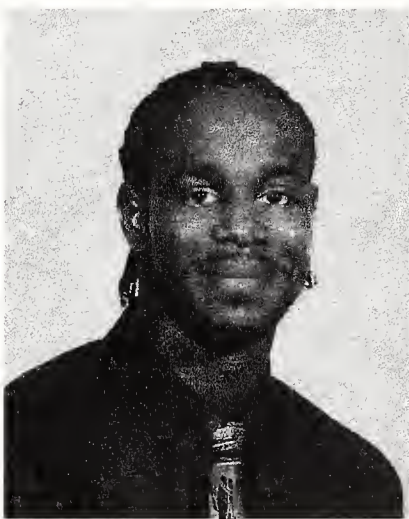


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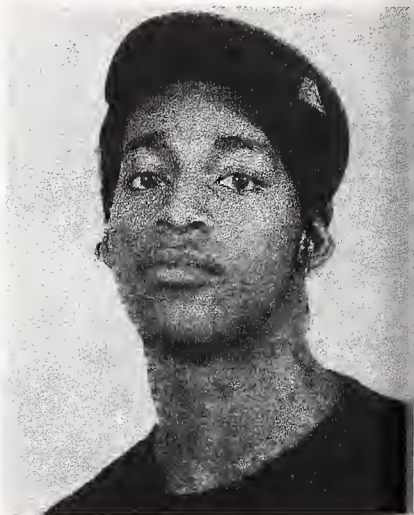
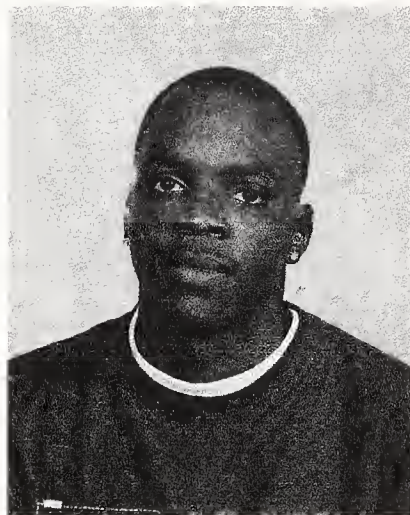
**Shameka, Donald, and Roslyn**  
depend on each other for support  
and often work as study partners in  
the evenings.



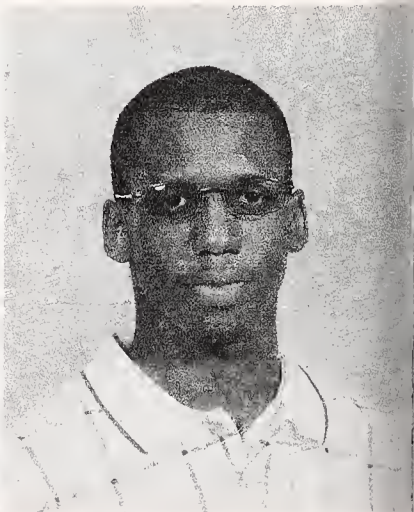
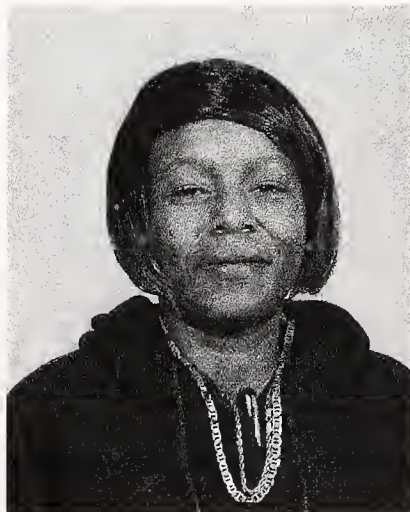
**Terrance Crum  
Jerry Davis, Jr.  
LaKisha Davis**



**Tiffany Dixon  
Richard Eaddy  
Courtney Edwards**



**Keshun Evans  
Marilyn Evans  
Justin Flemming**







*'Love is time and space  
measured by the heart.'*

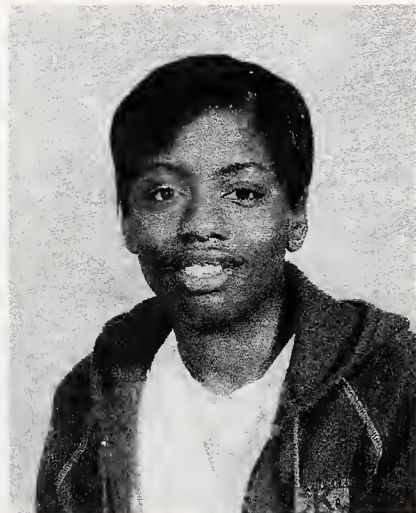
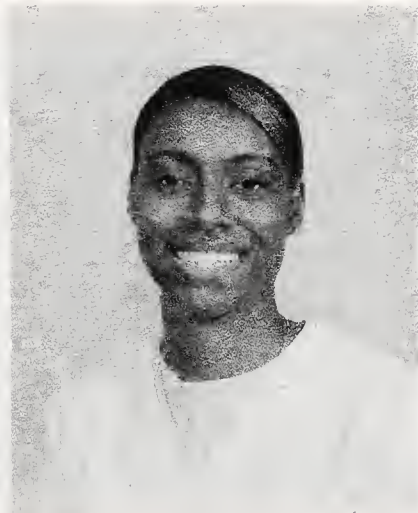
**Ken and Mooris are just too cool  
to skip class to watch the ladies  
outside of their dormitory room.  
However, in the evenings after  
class is quite another story.**



**Michaela Gilmore  
Brenda Henderson  
Kassandra Henderson**



**Daniella Hilliard  
Kimberly Howard  
Chander Jenkins**



**Janice Johnson  
Kimbraile Johnson  
LaKeisha Johnson**



# *Sophomore Class*

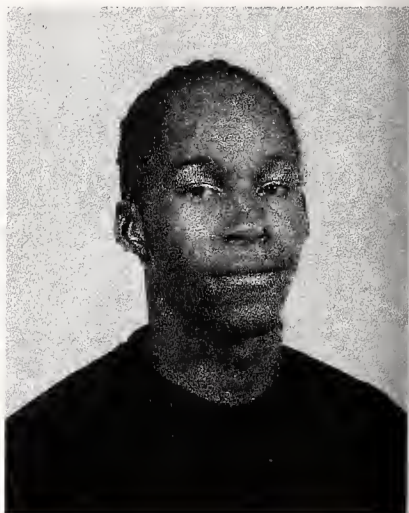
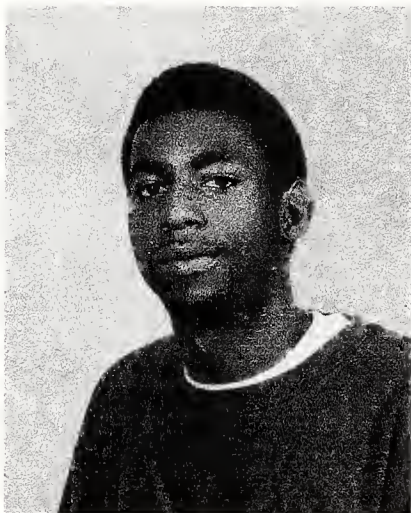
Students Kimberly Dixon,  
Terrance Crumb, and Kemora  
Moore, poise with English  
instructor, Mrs. Barbara Stokes,  
following the Religious Emphasis  
Program.



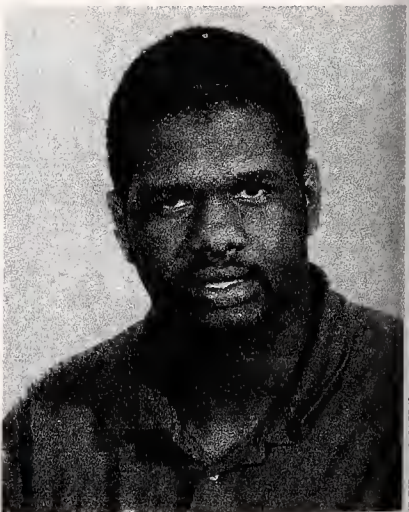
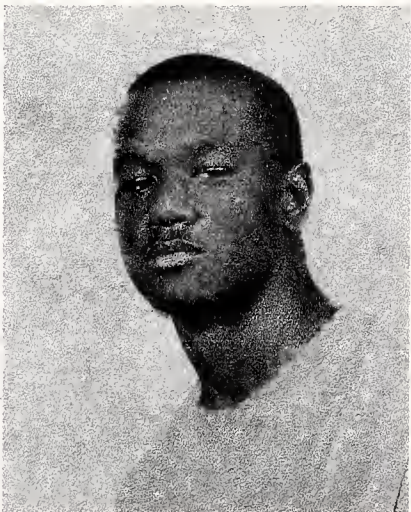
**Twyla Johnson  
Suzette Lewis  
Vertis Johnson**



**Fredrick Jones  
Shameka Kearney  
Jabarie Mallett**



**Ernest Marbra  
Catherine McGee  
Micah Miller**

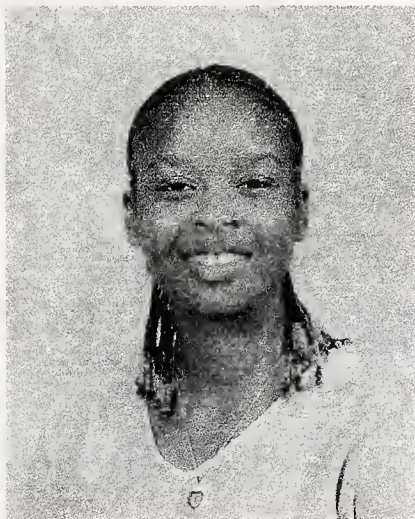




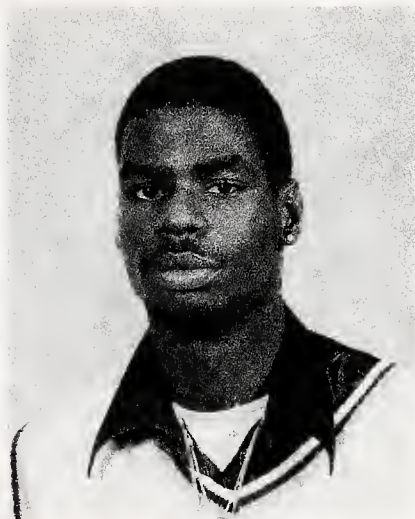
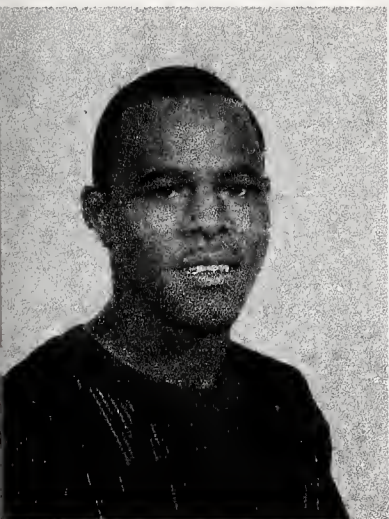


*'Friendship is love plus understanding.'*

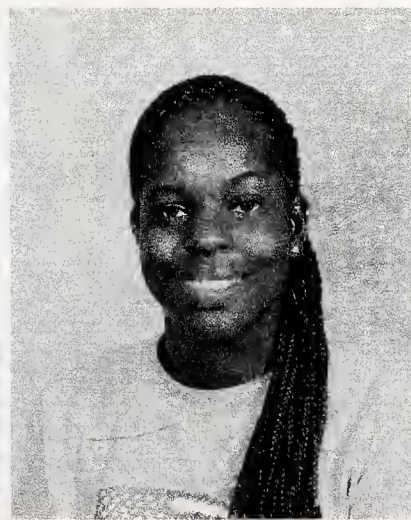
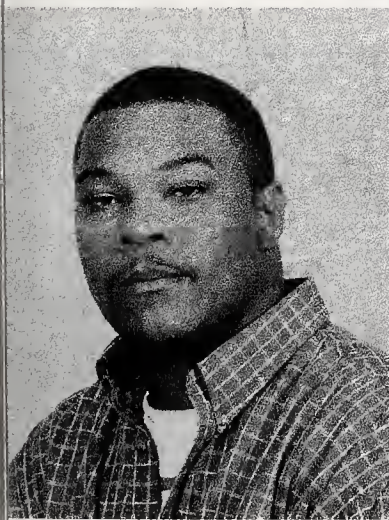
College life is usually an enjoyable time for most students. These friends bond and develop a relationship that is everlasting.



**Kimora Moore  
Josetta Moore  
Muhummad Newton**



**Antonio Parker  
Houston Perry  
Glenn Rayford**

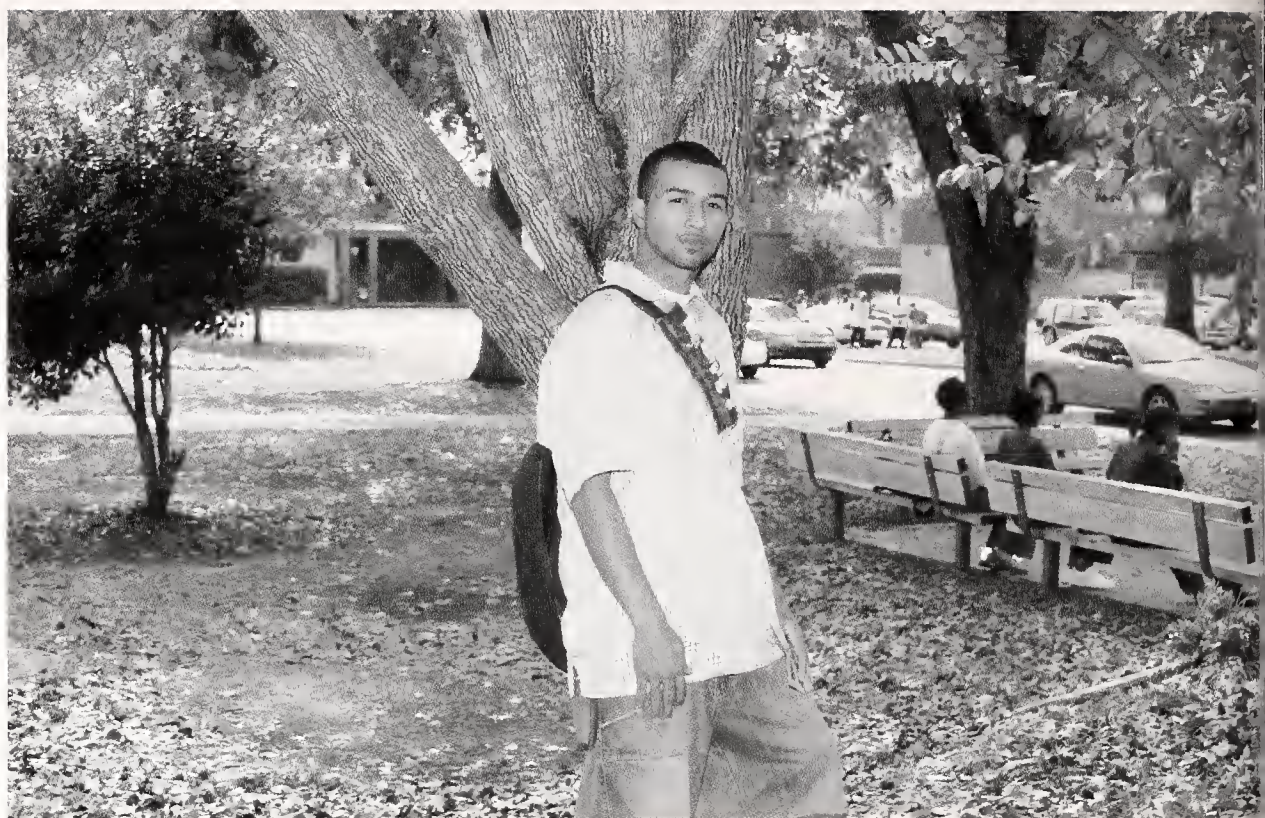


**Roy Richardson  
Kisha Richard  
Nicole Robinson**

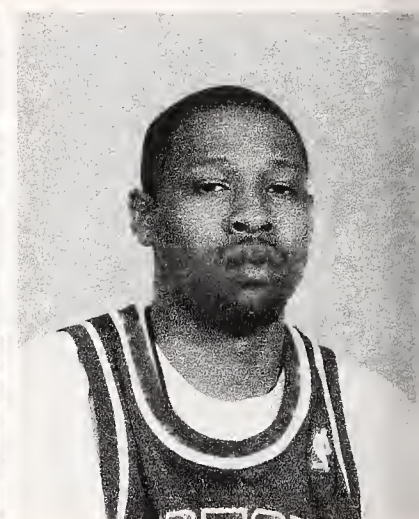


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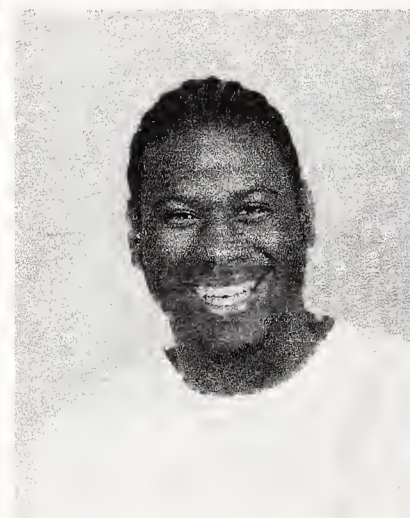
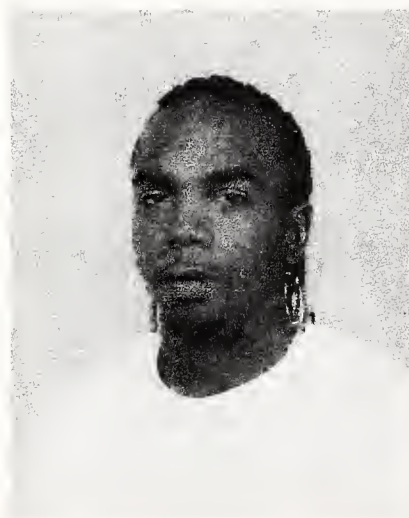
Derrick Lawson enjoys the outdoors and the solitude of being alone with nature.



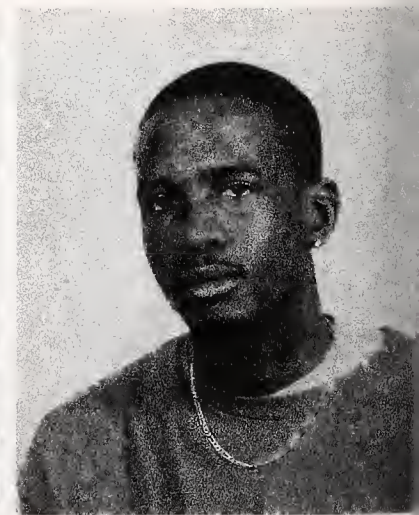
**Marcus Roper  
Bettie Sanders  
Kevin Sewell**



**Jermaine Solomon  
Jesse Taylor  
Mami Terrell**



**LaTonya Thomas  
RoShondra Turner  
Trevis Turner**





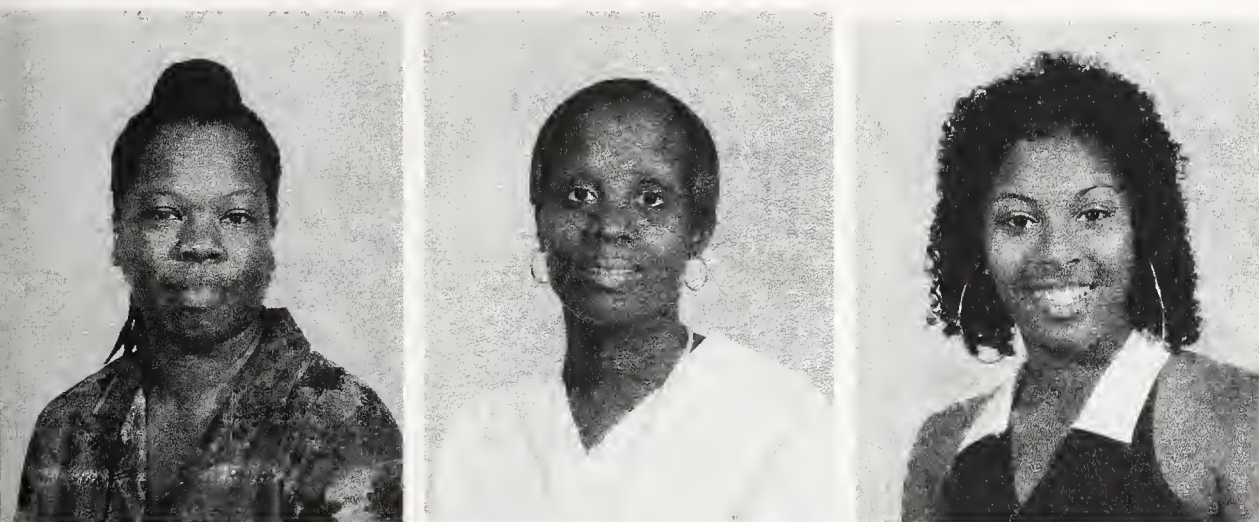


*'To enjoy a lifetime of  
romance-fall in love with  
yourself.'*

**Arean Alston, accompanist, and  
Daniel Griffin, choir member,  
poise for the photographer  
following the Christmas musical.**



**Karen Williams  
Steffen Williams  
Arinell White**



**Byrtina White  
Latorsha Wright  
Timeka Wright**



**Lakisha Davis proofs copy for a  
yearbook layout. She serves as  
typist of the U-ticanite Staff.**



# Employees

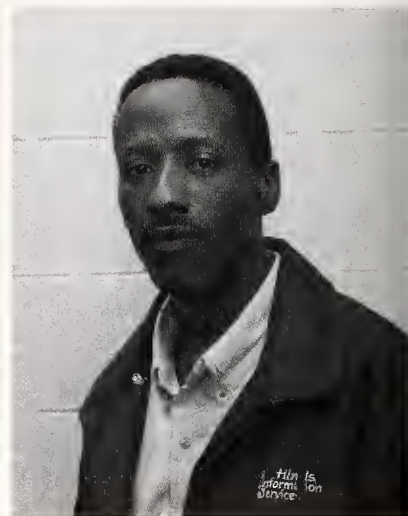
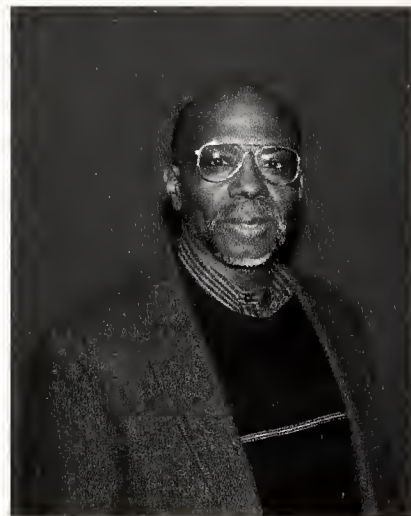
In honor of Cancer Awareness Month, approximately twenty-five employees "topped off" their attire with wigs or bandanas in recognition of cancer victims who lose their hair to cancer treatments. Pictured are Mrs. Maude Walker, Mrs. Anita Griffin, Mrs. Willie Burnley, Ms. Jacqueline Sullivan, Mrs. Chris Watkins, Mrs. Amanda Hubbard, Mrs. Sharon Kimble, Mrs. Monocia Conners, Mrs. Barbara Stokes, Mrs. Gwen Strong, Mrs. Sylvia Walker, Mrs. Myra Buckley, Mrs. LaKetha Berry, Dr. Priscilla Robinson, Mrs. Verlene Redfield, Mrs. Deborah Danner, Mrs. Ellestene Turner, Mrs. Marilyn Davis, and Mrs. Jean Greene.



**Ms. Natalie Hill**  
Media Specialist

**Mr. Frank Brown**  
Media Technology Instructor

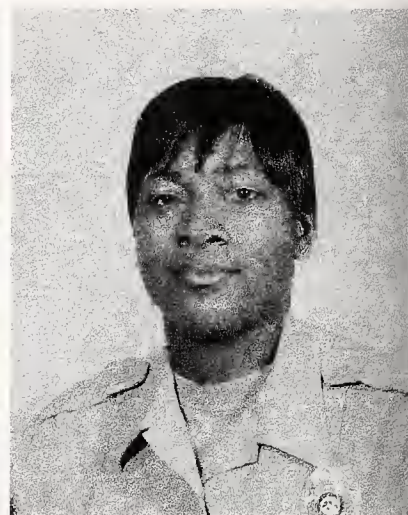
**Mr. Zuric Mallard**  
User Support Specialist



**Ms. Amy McCurley**  
Biology Instructor

**Ms. Ruth Smith**  
Switchboard Operator

**Ms. Katina Telton**  
Campus Security Officer



**Mrs. Barbara Stokes**  
English Instructor

**Ms. Delois Thompson**  
Administrative Assistant

**Mrs. Tiffany Chanay**  
Talent Search Director







*'As long as one can  
admire and love, then one  
is young forever.'*

Ms. Cynthia Jones assists in the presentation of gifts during the celebration of National Bosses' Day. Left, Jones presents Mr. Adam Jenkins a gift from his administrative assistant, Mrs. Annie Dixon, seated left of Jenkins, as Mrs. Mirriam Torrey, duplicating supervisor, in background, looks on.

Mr. Jenkins is the Vice President for Business Services.



**Ms. Shelia White  
Biology Instructor**



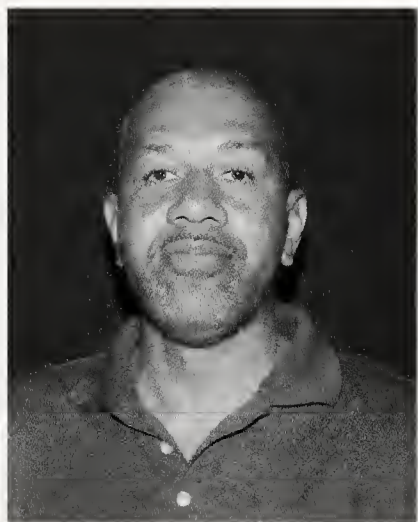
**Ms. Eva Bland  
Maintenance**



**Mr. James Waddell  
English Instructor**



**Ms. Jacqueline Sullivan  
Barbering Instructor**



**Mr. Leon Harris  
Physical Education Instructor &  
Assistant Men's Basketball Coach**



**Ms. Minnie Battle  
Business Technology Instructor**



**Mrs Anita Griffin  
English Instructor**



**Ms. Willie Pearl Burnley  
Cosmetology Instructor**



**Mr. Rodney Warfield  
Masonry Instructor**



# *Employees*

Coach Ralph Moore offers some words of advice to cousin and newly-wed, Tiffany Anderson-Chanay, about married life during the Community Day activities in August. Anderson is courteous enough to listen and wise enough not to adhere. She plans to remain married.

Anderson became Mrs. Tiffany Anderson-Chanay in summer 2003. She remains happily married in 2004 which is a clear indication that she really did not take her cousin's advice seriously. She is to be commended for that.



**Mrs. Myra Buckley**  
Teacher Education Coordinator

**Mrs. Mirriam Torrey**  
Duplicating Supervisor

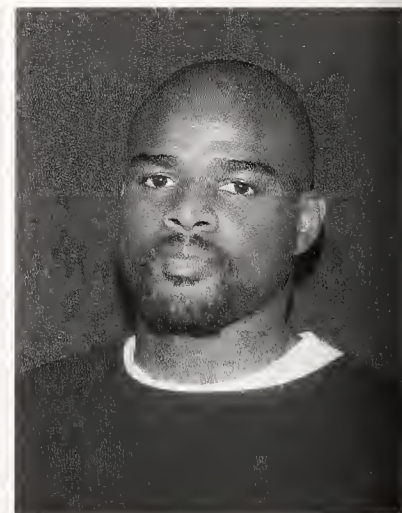
**Mrs. Doris McClure**  
Administrative Assistant



**Mrs. Deborah Danner**  
Computer Science Instructor

**Mrs. Ida Thomas**  
Cosmetology Instructor

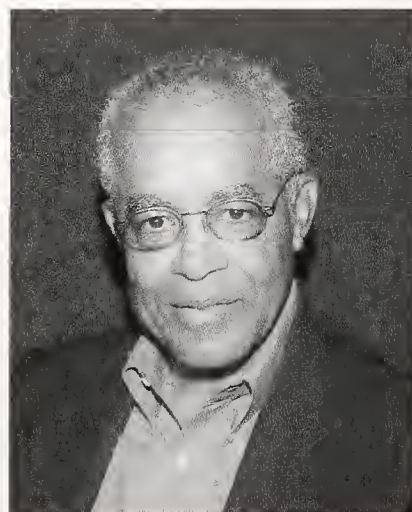
**Mr. Howard Gibson**  
Entrepreneurship and Business  
Development Director



**Ms. Cynthia Jones**  
Administrative Assistant

**Mr. Carlton Wilson**  
Mathematic Instructor

**Ms. Shalonda Trevillion**  
Computer Lab Manager







*'True love gallops, it flies, it is the swiftest of all modes of thought, swifter even then hate and fear.'*

Ms. Jean Greene, librarian, conducts a workshop on "How to plan a family reunion" and "Genealogy" during the Community Day activities held in August. Guests from the surrounding communities took advantage of the workshops that were designed to assist, enlighten, and enhance the livelihood of the community. Other workshops included "How To Start and Maintain a Business, Faith Based Initiatives, and Adult & Continuing Education."



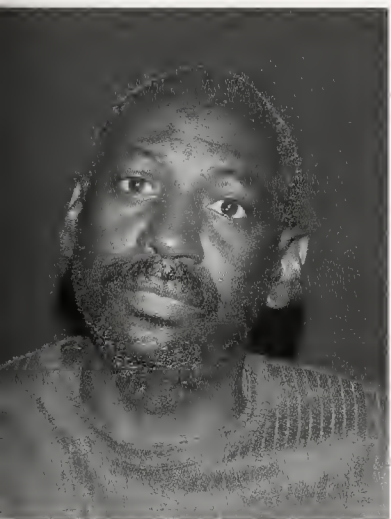
**Mrs. Carolyn Samuel  
Food Production Instructor**



**Mr. Freddie Edwards  
Welding Instructor**



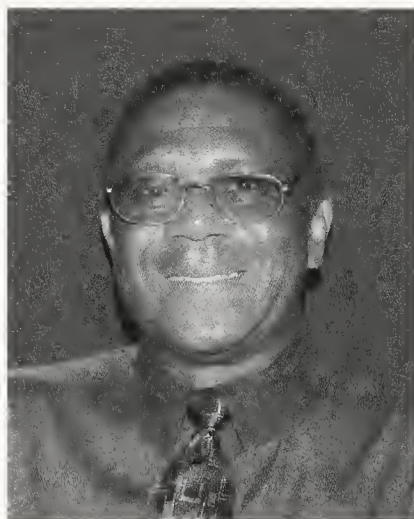
**Mrs. Sylvia Walker  
Counselor**



**Mr. Leonard Knight  
Carpentry Instructor**



**Ms. Jackie Braggs  
Administrative Assistant**



**Dr. Jesse Killingsworth  
Career and Technical Education  
Dean**



**Ms. Georgia Wiggins  
Reading Instructor**



**Ms. Jean Greene  
Library Services Director**



**Dr. Priscilla Robinson  
Student Learning Assistance  
Program Director**



# *Employees*

Mr. Adam Jenkins, Vice President for Business Services, was among hundreds of guests in attendance at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Valley Innovative Services catered the dinner. Valley employees pictured are Ms. Carrie Lee Jones and Ms. Terry King.



**Ms. Willie Ealey**  
Assistant Public Relations  
Director/Publications Director

**Mr. Jerome Watts**  
Maintenance

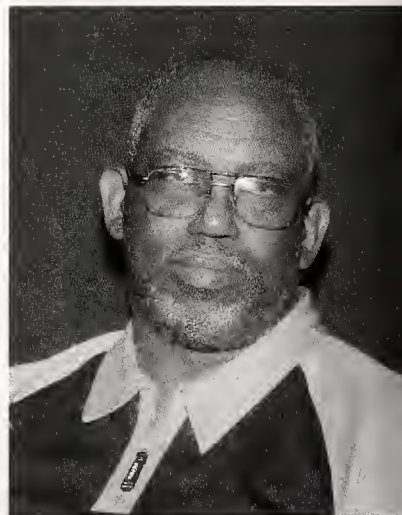
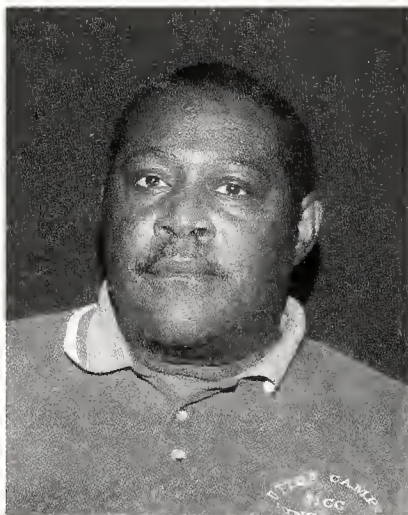
**Ms. Annette Baskin**  
Counselor



**Mr. Floyd Tate**  
Social Science Instructor

**Mrs. Sharon Kimble**  
History Instructor

**Mr. Stephen Murray**  
Auto Mechanics Instructor



**Ms. Sarah Wilkerson**  
Computer Science Instructor

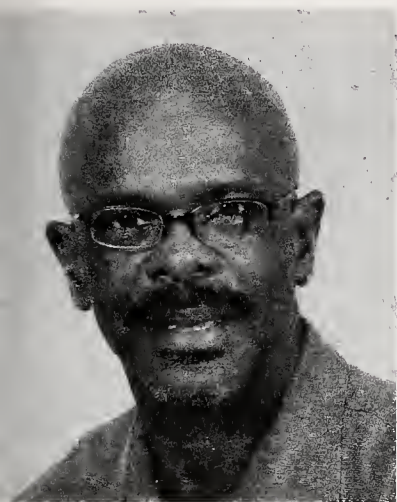
**Mack Charles Jones**  
Maintenance Supervisor

**Ms. Pamela Garrett**  
Counselor





*"Lean on each other's strengths; forgive each other's weaknesses."*



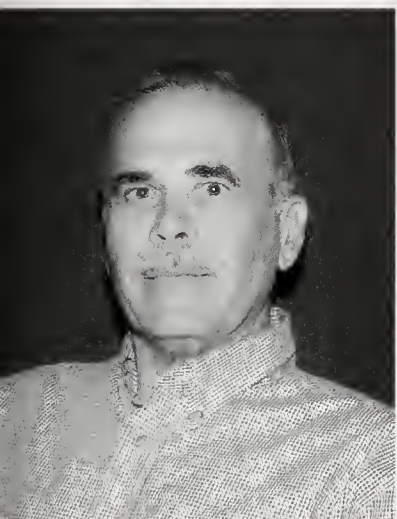
**Mr. David Kelly**  
**Music /Band Director**



**Dr. Shirley Davis**  
**Title III Coordinator**



**Dr. Eugene Gaston, Dean of Instruction, gives a thumbs-up in support of the female employees who wore alternative head dress in support of Cancer Awareness Month.**



**Mr. Wayne Brown**  
**Counselor**



**Mrs. Esther Owens**  
**Public Service Librarian**



**Mr. Ralph Moore**  
**Physical Education**  
**Instructor/Men's Basketball Coach**



**Dr. Mae Catherine Jackson**  
**Chair, Math & Science Division**



**Mr. Michael Stimage**  
**Maintenance**



**Ms. Willa Tate**  
**GED Instructor**



**Dr. Eldridge Henderson**  
**Adult & Continuing Education**  
**Director**



**Mrs. Amanda Hubbard**  
**Administrative Assistant**



**Mr. Seyed Darbandi**  
**Economics Instructor**





There is no  
shame in that  
game



# Athletics

*"Real love always creates, it never destroys."*

*Purpose and Perseverance...*

Women  
Basketball



Baseball



Football



Women's  
Soccer



Men's  
Soccer



*Priceless!*



## Women's Basketball



### **T**eam members

Front row from left: Rae Evans, Veronica Frazier, Briteny Lorthridge, and Kimberly Brown.

Back row from left: Mary Hunter, coach; Marcus Roper, trainer; Cheridy Bullock, LaShawnda Pryor, D'Wanna Brown, Paulesha McBride, and Shawana Coleman.



## Men's Basketball



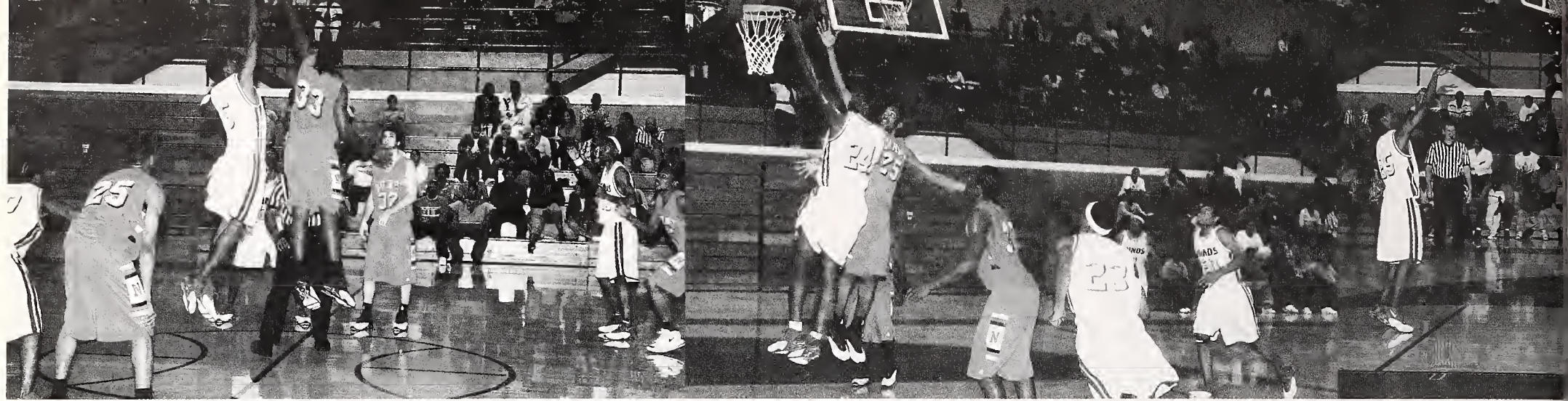
### Team Members

Front row from left: Kiki Christmas, Charles Lewis, Eugene Henyard, Donald Jones, Demetric Dent, Gance Bennett, and Stephen Smith

Back row from left: Marcus Roper, trainer, Adrian Harper, Denauldo Bennett, Sherman Logan, Ralph Peterson, A.J. Oliver, Jesse Taylor, Brandon Washington, and Fredrick, trainer

Mr. Ralph Moore, head coach and Mr. Leon Harris assistant coach

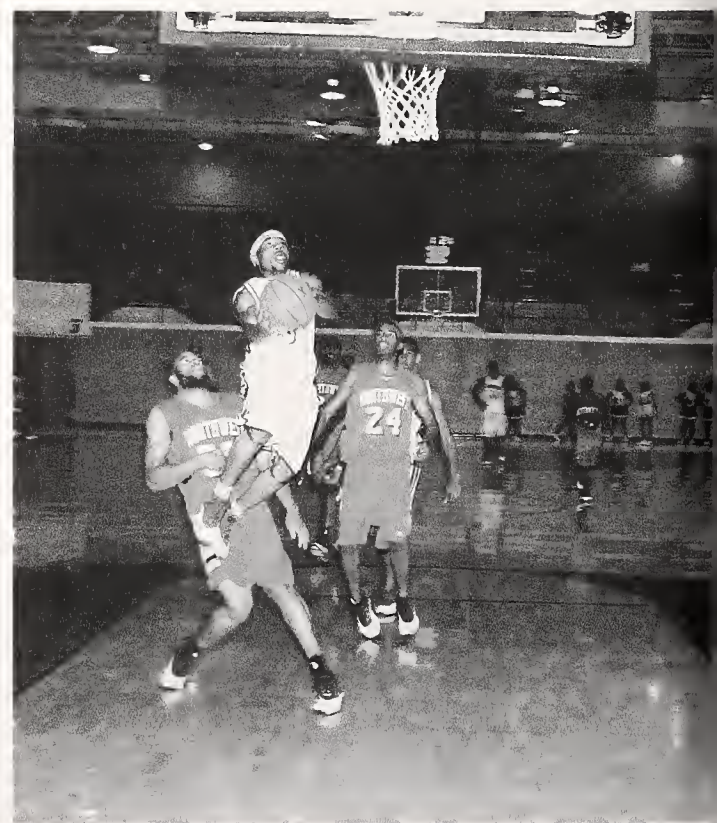




The Men Bulldogs could not hold on for the win. The Bulldogs were defeated by 5 points.



Clockwise: Denauldo Bennett jumps for the ball and falls short. A.J. Oliver, a 6'6" freshman from Jackson, out runs and out jumps his opponent for the basket. Coaches Moore and Harris give the men a pep talk. Donald Jones, a 5'10" guard from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, goes high to make the two point play.







Kiki Christmas, a 6'3" freshman from Jackson, goes in for the two point lay up over his opponent.

The men basketball team has a record of 13 wins and 8 losses with three more games to play. They have a 6 and 5 record in the conference.

## Utica vs Northwest

### Men Basketball Team

Donald Jones  
Eric Williams  
Gance Bennett  
Charles Lewis  
Eugene Henyard  
Demetric Dent  
Kiki Christmas  
A.J. Oliver  
Adrian Harper  
Jesse Taylor  
Stephen Smith  
Brandon Washington  
Sherman Logan  
Ralph Peterson  
Denauldo Bennett

Trainer  
Marcus Roper  
Fredrick Bracey

Coaches  
Mr. Ralph Moore  
Mr. Leon Harris

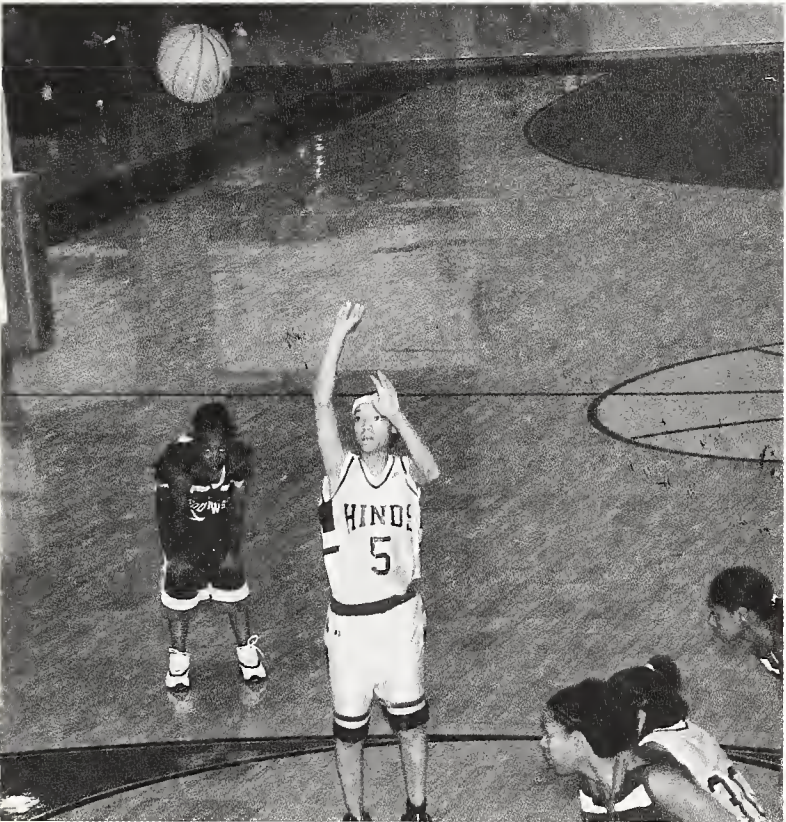


Charles Lewis, a 6'2" guard/forward, handles the ball with precision. He passes off to Jessie Taylor who waits to make the lay up.

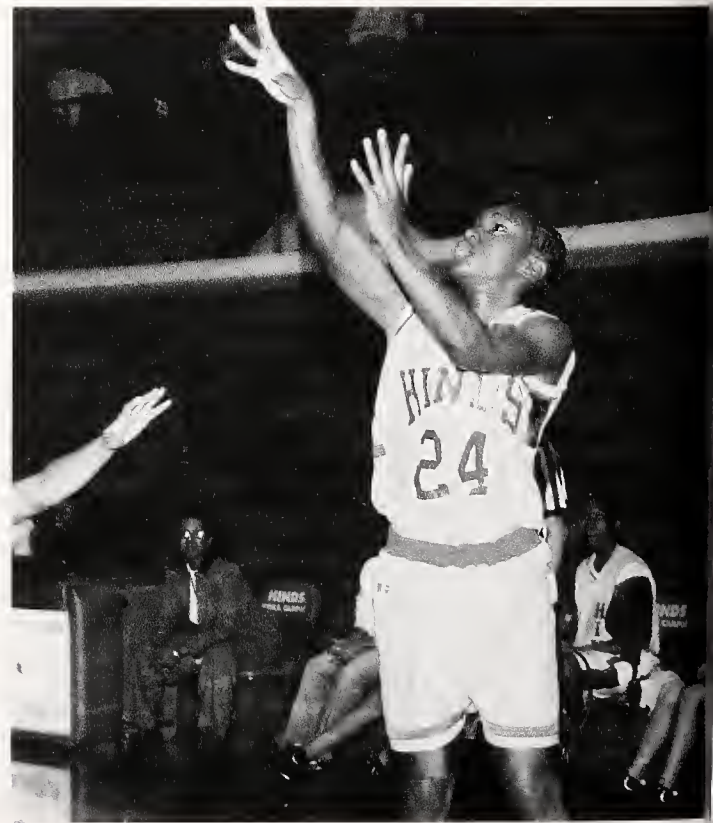


Jessie Taylor, 6'5" forward from Georgetown, goes in for an easy two point dunk.





Clockwise: LaShawndra Pryor, a 5'2" point guard from Ferriday, Louisiana, goes up high over her opponent for the two point play. Pryor plays a strong defense in getting the loose ball. She goes down the floor and passes off to the lady under the goal. The team huddles to get instruction from Coach Hunter. Stephanie Evans, a 5'8" freshman from Hot Springs, Arkansas, gives no thought to taking the open shot. LaShundra Griffin, a sophomore guard/forward from Jackson, shoots for the free-throw.







Marqurite Sims, a 5'8" sophomore forward from Vicksburg, looks for an opening while yet watching for an open player.

## Utica vs Southwest

### Lady Bulldogs - 2003- 2004

Cheridy Bullock  
LaShondra Griffin  
LaShawnda Pryor  
D' Wanna Brown  
LaTonya Thomas  
Almammya Marshall  
Veronica Frazier  
Marqurite Sims  
Britney Lorthridge  
Stephanie Evans  
Paulesha McBride  
Kimberly Brown  
Jasmine Williams  
Ashley Evans  
Rae Evans

Coach: Mary Hunter

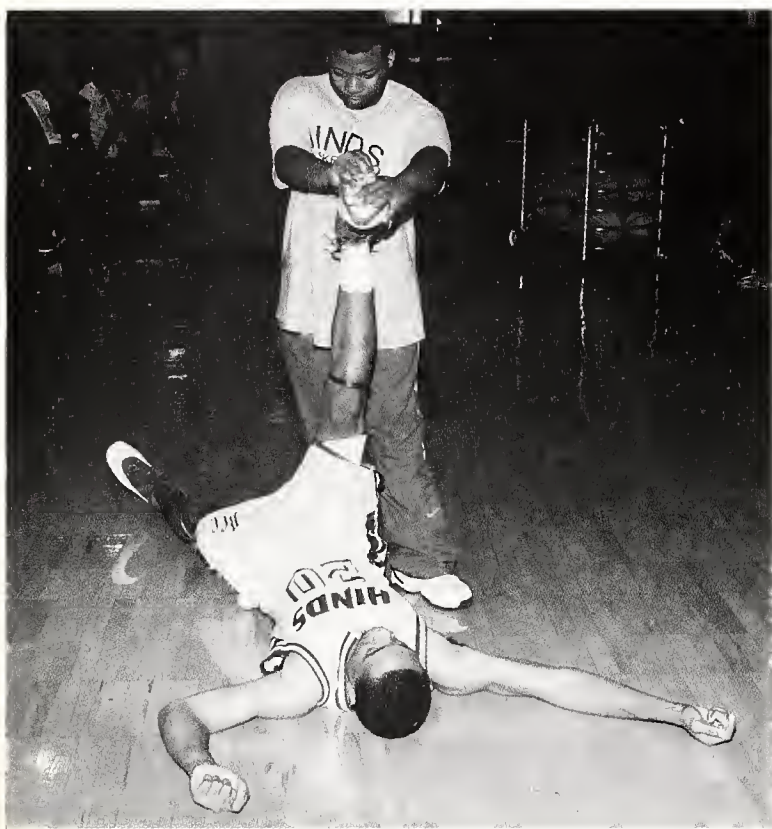
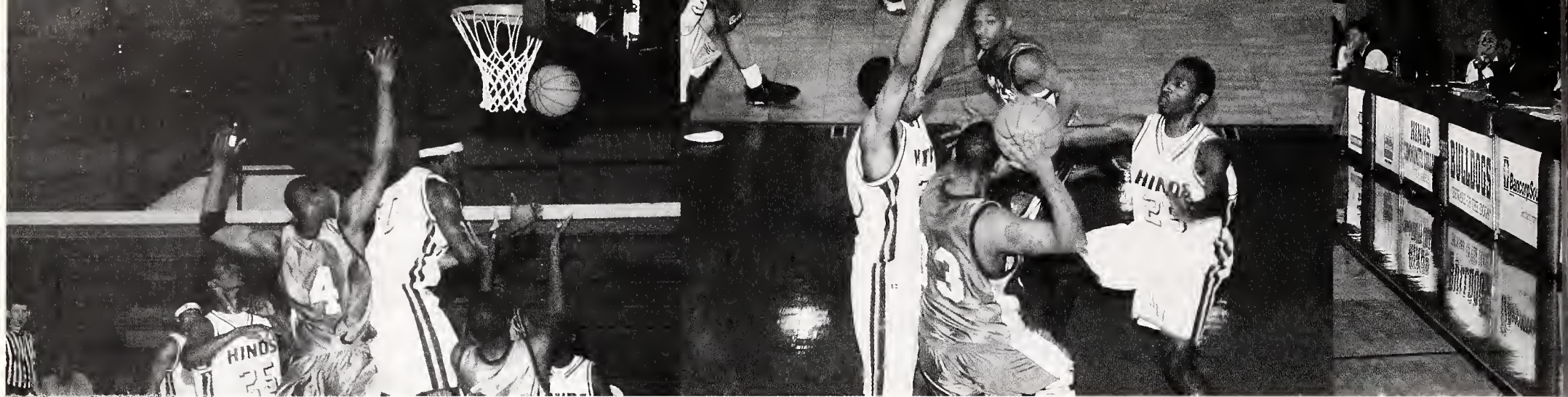


LaTonya Thomas, a 5'6" sophomore guard/forward from Jackson, fakes right and goes around her opponent for the basket. Thomas is Miss Utica Campus 2003.



Kimberly Brown, a 5'11" freshman from Newellton, Louisiana, shoots for the free-throw.





The Men Bulldogs held on for the win over Southwest. The Bulldogs won with a 10 point lead.



Clockwise: Jessie Taylor leaps for the rebound. Charles Lewis and Adrian Harper trap the opponent and capture the ball. The coaches and teammates watch intensely as the Bulldogs out power the opponents. The team huddles for a pep talk from the coaches and re-evaluates their strategy. Kiki Christmas goes in for the dunk. Marcus Roper, trainer, works with Charles Lewis on stretching. Roper is a sophomore auto body major from Edwards.







The Utica Cheerleaders encourages the team on to victory.

Leading scorers: Kiki Christmas, Donald Jones, Adrian Harper, Jesse Taylor, and Eugene Henyard.



Denauldo Bennett, a 6'5" sophomore from Jackson, shoots for the free throw.

## Utica vs Southwest

"Remember: The course of true love is full of obstacles."

The Bulldogs encourages challenges and defeats them in love. They start by practicing good sportsmanship.



The team and coaches strategize. Demetric Dent (22), a 5'11" freshman guard from Natchez, checks into the game.

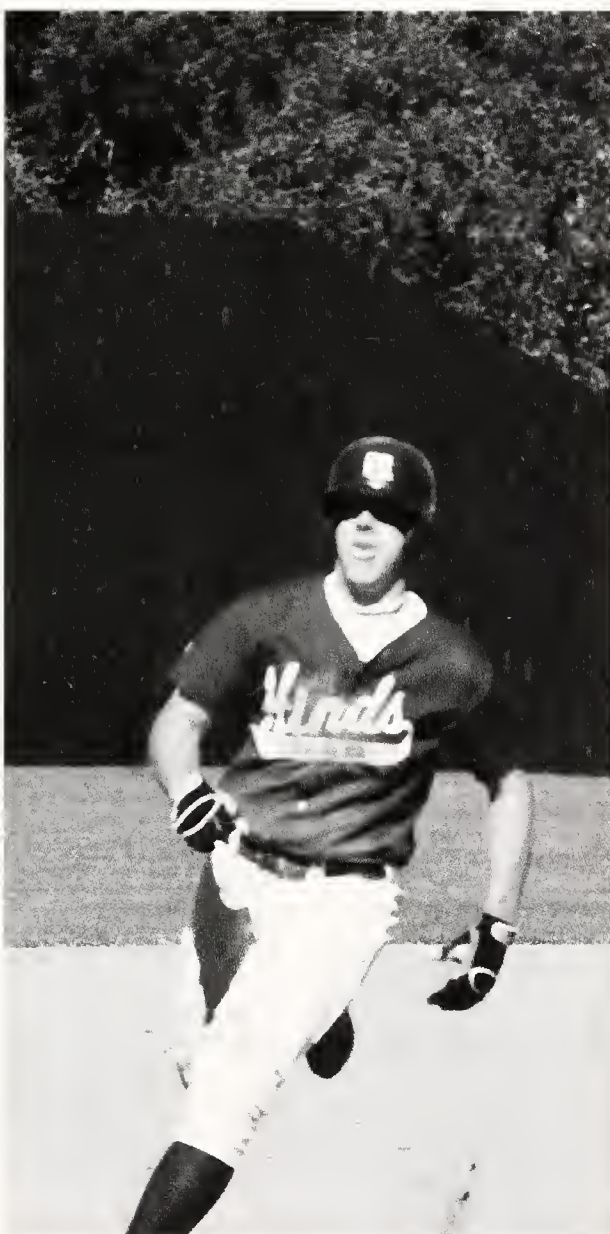


# Baseball



A love for the  
game!

The pitcher's  
desire...  
A no hitter



Rounding second  
base



Hit or miss



# Baseball

"A love for the game"



The  
American  
game



A home run!

The swing of  
success.



First Row:  
Stephen Hood  
Lucas Sandroni  
Jeremy Jordan  
Matt Gray  
T.J. Boler  
Clifton Creel  
Tyler Brown  
Brent Towne

Second Row:  
Grady Turman  
Assistant Coach  
Andy Lee  
Assistant Coach  
Josh Johns  
Brad Elmore  
Joel Mangrum  
Corey Ezell  
Jarred Gregg  
Flint Roberts  
Josh Jordan  
Doug Fortenberry  
Assistant Coach

Rick Clarke  
Head Coach



# Men's Soccer

2003-2004 Eagles



Men  
at work.

Front Row:  
Kevin Leach  
Matt Fulton  
Chance Johnson  
Colin Edwards  
John Chalk  
C. Jay Fountain

Second Row:  
Chris Rash  
Joe Torrence  
Johnny Jones  
Micheal Wilder  
Matthew Wilder  
Nick King  
Kris Martin

Third Row:  
Josh Rushing  
Brad Blackwell  
Lucas Rolandi  
Cole Durant  
Jacob Benda  
Josh Sheppard  
Micheal Coleman  
Coach Doug Williams



The best man will  
win.

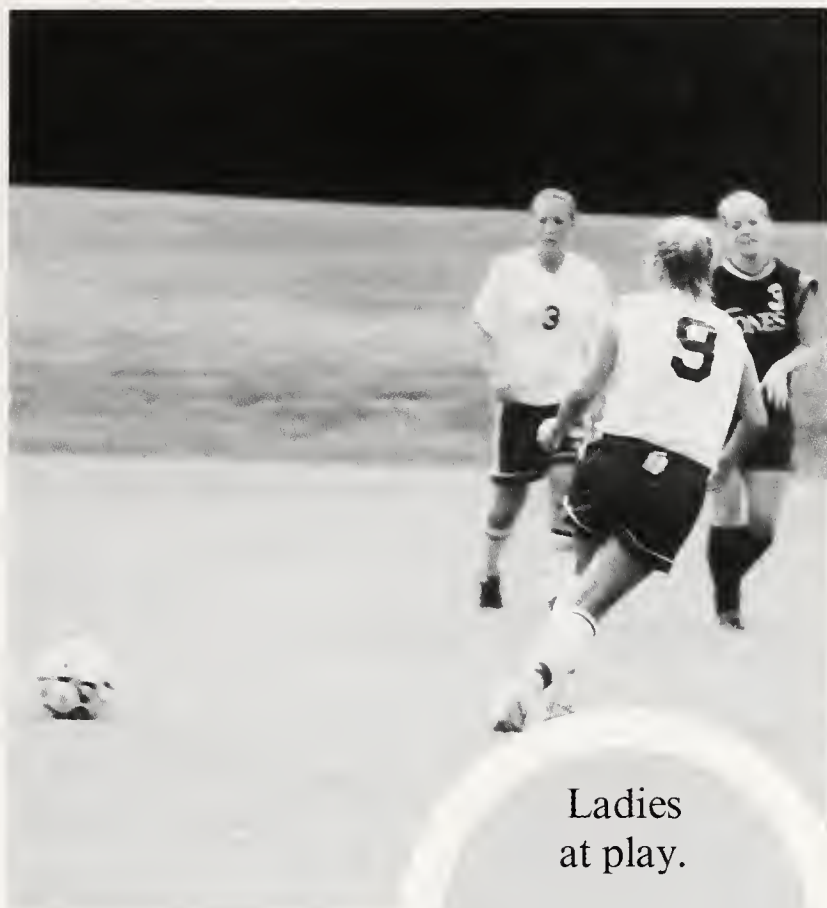


Keep your eyes on  
the ball and your  
mind on the net.



# Women's Soccer

"Remember the course"



Ladies  
at play.

Front Row from left:

Lori Joe Butler  
Jenny Ferris  
Amy Gaines  
Coach Patti Johnson  
Stephanie Little  
Shelley Haws  
Carrie McMillan

Second Row:

Michelle Pierce  
Magan Carlisle  
Morgan Womack  
Candace Barnes  
Ney Ney Foster  
Clara Caffey  
Delores Johnson  
Ashley Floyd  
Miranda Moncure

Back Row:

Amanda Jasper  
Lyn Strawn  
Elizabeth Crocker  
Lucas Rolandi  
(student coach)  
Karren Denny  
Helen Martin  
Michelle Beatty



Imagine what can  
happen when a  
woman is all  
alone with the  
ball.



This one is up for  
grabs.



# Football

## 2003-2004 Eagles



Tim Brown  
D'eldrick Taylor  
Greg Harris  
Dione Hampton  
Domenik Kelly  
Almonzo Banks  
Von Mixon  
Carlton Bradford  
Antonio Brown  
Terrance Matthews  
Oge Oge  
Chris Humes  
Brooks Crabtree  
Omar Sherrod  
Brian Williams  
Thomas Kirksey  
Keats Baldwin  
Terrance Jones  
Dewaan Ashford  
Jason McWillie  
Martise Quiller  
Torrance Hampton  
Le Alex Martin  
Willie Williams  
Carter Mascagni  
Medrick Liddell

Greg Clark  
Andrew Patten  
Shamarick Young  
Greg Perterson  
Bobby Kendrick  
Sandy Quinn  
Joey Brumfield  
Ken Griffith  
Idrees Abdur-Rashied  
Deonta Selvy  
Dustin Ray  
Torey McKenzie  
Ari Lewis  
Drew Lane  
Mario Grady  
Byran Catching  
Rodney Gamblin  
Chris Suggs  
Chris Chatman  
Reggie Harper  
Kelvin Martin  
Donald Flintroy  
Henry Williams  
Chad Green  
Kentrell Tanner  
Ryan McBean



Defensively, the Eagles could not be stopped.



A touchdown is in view for the Eagles.



## Women's Softball



## Track



**T**eam Members - Softball Front row from left: Kristen Hall, Stacie Creel, Christy Granberry, Paige Lemmons, Jessica Cothorn, Amy McDonald, and Lindsay McNair. Standing from left: Coach Phil Carter, Randi Russell, Hayley Martin, Lyn Strawn, Marilyn Landers, Nicky Ruffin, Katie Hollingworth, Brooke Bradley, and Hope Dedmon. Coach Terri Black.

**T**eam Members Track: Front row from left: TaQuann Thomas, Ledric Wiggins, J.W. Rawls, Dwight Dixon, Vante Jones. Second row from left: Floyd Aborom, Keith Cole, James Shelton, Travis Harris, Jacob Farmer, Taverrous Smith. Third row from left: Lamarcus Williams, Clarence Spratt, Tommy Tucker, Fred Perryman, Chris Humes, Dale Ham, Shawn Terrell, and Kendrick Lewis.



# The Priceless Reach

*" Love is something that sharpens all our wits. You get the best out of others when you give the best of yourself."*

The yearbook staff pondered idea after idea in deciding a theme for the 2003-2004 *Uticanite*. Like the name of each individual, there is an underlying uniqueness. Man says everything has a "price." There are those, however, who will beg to differ. The word "less" used as an adjective or a suffix indicates not enough or none at all. None the "less," it signifies a lack of . Then there is something that seems to always be within or beyond our "reach." So with those thoughts in mind, the Uticanite staff brings to you a scripted documentation of the lives of those who chose to be a part of the Utica Campus Family for the 2003-2004 academic year. It was a time of refreshing and renewing, discovering and disclosing, and learning and yearning, It all happened so quickly. It was "Priceless." Although there was much enshrined, there was much ignored. Yet time says we but only have to "research" within and beyond.

The staff hopes you can appreciate the "priceless" days and the effervescent "reach" in providing historical memorabilia for you and those who will one day want to remember this "Priceless" encounter of your "Reach" for a better tomorrow.

The staff is especially grateful to Ms. Romundra Vance for the yearbook theme and to Mr. Robert Anderson for the cover photography. Ms. Willie Ealey is advisor.















